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IDF, SLA on alert after lethal Katyusha attack

DAVID RUDGE

IDF and South Lebanese Army troops remained on full alert last night, despite the relative quiet since Friday morning's Katyusha rocket attack on the western Galilee, in which one person was killed and eight wounded. Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack.

The dead man was French national David March, 24, who had worked as a cook at the region's Club Med vacation resort, which suffered a direct hit at 6:15 a.m.

Several Katyusha rockets hit the vacation resort, causing panic among workers and vacationers. Among those hurt was a young boy from Netanya, who fell and hurt his head while running with his parents to a bomb shelter after the exploding rockets blasted them awake.

The eight people hurt, who suffered light or moderate wounds, were all workers or vacationers. They were all taken to Nahariya Government Hospital for treatment of shrapnel wounds, cuts and bruises, and shock. Four were later released.

The resort was evacuated and is likely to remain closed for some time. Rockets also fell on a settlement in the Western Galilee, causing some property damage but no casualties.

The Katyusha barrage - the third on the western Galilee in the space of two weeks and the fifth on the North in two months - was followed by heavy fighting in south Lebanon and a flurry of international diplomacy to try to defuse the tension.

Hizbullah said the attack was in retaliation for the shelling of Shakra village on Thursday night, in which a 24-year-old Lebanese woman was killed and three of her brothers were wounded.

The woman was killed when shells hit a house in the village while IDF and SLA gunners were responding to an earlier Hizbullah attack on SLA outposts in the Huleh and Talouza regions in the central sectors of the security zone.

Reports from Lebanon said the woman was a leader of a scout group affiliated to Hizbullah's social-services division. The organization reiterated that it would not hesitate to fire rockets at towns and villages inside Israel in future "in defense of Lebanon's civilian population."

There were reports that the escalation in the fighting was raised

in meetings between Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khadam and Foreign Minister Farouk Shara during their two-day visit to Teheran.

The US administration was also reported to have raised the issue again with the Syrians.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram told reporters that hoteliers and vacation site operators in the region would have to be compensated for damage and loss of income caused by cancellations.

Some farmers on moshavim in the region, however, claimed they had still not received compensation for losses incurred during Operation Accountability two years ago. The Agriculture Ministry said there had been delays due to differences of opinion with the Property Tax Authority.

As a result of the attack, the Education Ministry canceled the matriculation exam in history for pupils in the region, who will have the exam rescheduled.

Some local mayors called on the government to change the policy of retaliation and give the IDF instructions to hit Hizbullah hard and, if necessary, extend the security zone northwards to put settlements out of Katyusha rocket range.

Life in Nahariya and the western Galilee region generally returned to normal within a few hours of the attack.

IAF warplanes attacked Hizbullah targets north of the security zone after the rocket attack, while IDF gunners shelled suspected terrorist positions. Most of the artillery fire was directed towards the launching site of the rockets, near Haniyeh village in the Tyre region.

There were no reports of any casualties as a result of the air raids or the shelling, although reports from Lebanon said a number of houses in Klailah village, north of the zone, were damaged.

Further heavy fighting erupted later on Friday after members of Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, fired from long range at two SLA posts in the Rashaf area, in the zone's western sector.

IDF and SLA gunners blasted suspected Hizbullah targets north of the zone in response to the attacks, although again there were no reports of any attendant casualties among the Shi'ite extremists or any Lebanese civilians.

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Soldiers stand over an infiltrator, caught yesterday after crossing the Jordanian border near Moshav Argaman.

Infiltrator killed, another captured in Jordan Valley; another still at large

ALON PINKAS

SOLDIERS yesterday shot dead an armed infiltrator from Jordan, captured a second, and as of last night were still in pursuit of a third near in the Jordan Valley. OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran said.

At approximately 2:40 a.m. yesterday three infiltrators crossed the security fence on the border, 4 km. north of Moshav Argaman in the Jordan Valley. Upon contact with the fence, the infiltrators activated the electronic sensors and an army patrol was dispatched. Trackers then spotted the footprints of three individuals. One of the infiltrators, armed with a pistol, was found not far from the

fence. In his interrogation, he said he had two accomplices and they were moving westward.

The army sealed off the area and brought in reinforcements, who closed the Jordan Valley Road from the Damiya Bridge to the Jordan Valley checkpoint. The road was reopened at noon. Units were dispatched to Argaman, Moshav Ro'i, Moshav Bekat, and Moshav Masua, where the infiltrators were possibly heading.

The army also imposed a curfew on all Arab villages in the area, thus entrapping the two infiltrators. A pursuit led by

Col. A., the Jordan Valley brigade commander, commenced and focused on the area near Ro'i on the eastern slopes of the Judean hills. Following fresh sandal tracks, soldiers spotted one infiltrator at approximately 9:30 a.m., half a kilometer away from Ro'i and killed him with a grenade in the ensuing fire fight. He was armed with a Kalashnikov assault rifle.

By midnight last night, the third infiltrator had not been found and army units were still in pursuit.

"He basically has nowhere to go. Hopefully he realizes this and will give himself up," an officer said last night.

CHIEF of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak will demand that Syria rein in Hizbullah at his meeting this week with Syrian Chief of Staff Gen. Hikmet Shihabi.

Shahak left last night for Washington, where he is to begin meetings with Shihabi on Tuesday.

A source close to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last night said Shahak will tell Shihabi that Israel regards Syria's curbing Hizbullah activity as an indication of Damascus's seriousness with regard to a peace treaty.

One person was killed and eight wounded Friday in a Katyusha rocket attack that scored a direct hit on a Club Med branch near Nahariya.

Economics and Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetret called on the government to stop the talks with Syria in response to the Katyusha attacks.

Speaking to the Social and Economic Club in Beersheba, Shetret said, "It is unthinkable ... that in the Galilee Katyusha rockets should fall and in Washington the peace talks should continue, and Syrian President [Hafez] Assad is painted there as a seeker of peace ... After all, he said he can stop Katyusha firings - so let him do it."

The Likud demanded that Shahak be kept home because of the escalation of violence in the North.

MK Elihu Ben-Elissar, who heads the Likud's diplomatic committee, said the government is continuing to capitulate to the Syrians in an attempt to reach an agreement with them before next year's elections.

The US urged both Syria and Israel on Friday to bring calm to the tension in the north.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher telephoned Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara to warn Damascus to contain Hizbullah following Friday's deadly attack. Christopher also delivered the message to Shihabi Friday, at a luncheon he hosted for the Syrian CGS, US officials said.

Also Friday, US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk met with Rabin regarding Israel's raids in southern Lebanon.

"We are actively engaged with the parties at senior levels to urge maximum restraint and to urge that they do everything possible to calm the situation and avoid

any further escalation," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

Accompanying the CGS to Washington are Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, the military secretary to the prime minister, Brig.-Gen. Zvi Stauber, the head of the strategic planning department at the Planning Branch, and Shahak's executive officer, Lt.-Col. Shlomi Ma'ayan.

Shahak met and spoke with Rabin several times over the weekend to finalize Israel's strategy for the talks. According to a senior officer, Shahak will be authorized only to present Israel's concept of security arrangements in the Golan Heights, and its idea of demilitarization in the Golan and Syrian force dilution in areas stretching east of the Golan, along the Kuneitra-Damascus road.

"To the best of my knowledge, Shahak is not expected nor authorized to negotiate security arrangements, but only conclude a mutually agreed agenda for the technical talks between Israeli and Syrian generals, which are scheduled to convene two weeks after the meetings of the chiefs of general staff," the source said.

Shahak and Shihabi are also scheduled to meet US President Bill Clinton, as part of the American effort to make draw public attention to the meetings, as a visible sign of progress.

A senior administration official said, "The Syrians understand very well [that] we believe [the Katyusha attack] by Hizbullah violates the understandings reached in '93 and is a direct threat to the process of peace that is underway."

"We think these activities undermine the peace process ... and we want this to come to an end. The Syrians have had a clear role in exercising restraint on Hizbullah. These things should not be happening."

The Shihabi meeting with Christopher had been scheduled earlier to prepare for the Shahak-Shihabi talks.

The luncheon was meant "to discuss with them their views of what they want to get out of the talks," the US official said. "It's very clear the Syrians want to see this lead to something substantive but the proof is in what happens when the two sides meet, in the atmospheres. ... But I don't think two-and-a-half days of talks will lead to closure" on security arrangements that must be part

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Violent clashes over Palestinian hunger strike

BILL HUTMAN

SECURITY forces and Palestinian demonstrators clashed in Judea and Samaria and eastern Jerusalem yesterday during protests supporting the Palestinian security prisoners' hunger strike.

Fifteen Palestinians were slightly injured in Jerusalem and five in Ramallah when police and soldiers fired rubber bullets at the crowds, Palestinian sources said. In Jerusalem, demonstrators

male protesters, and sparking the stone and bottle-throwing.

The sharpest clashes broke out in front of Orient House, with demonstrators running for safety within the fenced compound, and continuing to throw stones and bottles from inside.

A spokesman for Mokassed Hospital on the Mount of Olives said 13 injured demonstrators were treated there for light wounds caused by rubber bullets.

South Africa wins Rugby World Cup

News agencies

SPRINGBOK captain Francois Pienaar knew how far South Africa had come when President Nelson Mandela congratulated him for winning the Rugby World Cup.

"When he gave us the trophy and said thanks for what we had done for South Africa, I replied that we haven't done half as much for South Africa as he has," Pienaar said.

With the William Webb Ellis trophy before them at the post-match news conference, Pienaar gave affectionate pats to flyhalf Joel Stransky, who kicked all of South Africa's points on three penalties and two drop goals to help them edge the heavily favored New Zealand All Blacks 15-12 in an extra-time thriller.

Pienaar, who said the entire team in this deeply religious country offered a prayer of thanks after the match, noted that the team's only Jewish player, Stransky, had a special role. "The Jewish people have luck, but that wasn't luck. It was pure skill," Pienaar said.

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Polio pioneer Jonas Salk, 80

LA JOLLA (AP) - Dr. Jonas Salk left a legacy of hope and health when he delivered the world from polio's crippling rampage and later tried to do the same for AIDS.

Salk died of heart failure at Green Hospital of Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, said Anita Weld, a spokeswoman for the Salk Institute. He was 80.

He had been hospitalized earlier in the day complaining of shortness of breath.

Working at the University of Pittsburgh in the 1950s, Salk became a hero to millions of Americans when he ignored scientific doubters and used a killed virus to develop the first polio vaccine.

"The victory of this medical pioneer over a dreaded disease continues to touch many - from the students who study his work to the countless individuals whose lives have been saved by his efforts," President Clinton said in a statement issued by the White House.

Friends described Salk as a visionary. "He wanted to know everything about everything," said Bill Nelson, president of the Scripps Institutions of Medicine and Science in San Diego. "If you brought something up, you'd bet-

ter be ready to produce all the data about it."

During the first half of the 20th century, epidemics of paralytic poliomyelitis swept the United States repeatedly. Polio viruses infected thousands of Americans annually, including President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The viruses caused widespread fear, killing some young victims and condemning many others to iron lungs, leg braces and years of rehabilitation.

The nation's worst polio epidemic was in 1952. The next year, Salk announced development of an experimental vaccine.

The injectable vaccine was declared effective in 1955, and polio's toll plunged. "What had the most profound effect was the freedom from fear," Salk said as he prepared to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the announcement on April 12.

In 1960, Salk established The Salk Institute in La Jolla, a San Diego suburb. The institute became a leading biomedical research center.

Salk earned an undergraduate degree at City College of New York in 1934 and a medical degree at New York University in 1939.

Muscle flexing in Lebanon

ALON PINKAS

COMMENT

THE firing of rockets into Israel so close to the beginning of talks between the Israeli and Syrian chiefs of general staff, scheduled for Tuesday, can be interpreted two ways.

It might be a Syrian attempt to flex its muscles to show it is entering the talks from a position of strength, and that the leverage it has to determine the course of the talks is considerable.

Assuming that Israel would be restrained in its response, the Syrians construe American pleas for both sides to show restraint as recognition of their strength.

It is in this context of a Syrian tour de force that the visit to Iran this weekend of Vice President Abdul Halim Haddam, responsible for Lebanese affairs, and Foreign Minister Farouk Shara should be viewed. The two assumed Iran that Syria would not curb Hizbullah activity in south Lebanon.

The assurance works both ways. It alleviates Iranian fears that its Lebanese proxy, Hizbullah, will be compromised and es-

entially be the price Syria will pay in the peace talks.

The visit equally serves to maintain Syria's good ties with Iran. The Syrians know that real or perceived progress in the talks with Israel would inevitably damage their relations with Iran. That may impel Teheran to sway its supporters in Hizbullah, who constitute a faction, further away from Syria's sphere of influence.

In the long run, a break in the Syrian-Iranian link would bring about a rapprochement between the isolated and weakened Iran and Iraq. This is a regional development Syria would not benefit from, nor would Israel, for that matter.

But the Katyusha attack can also indicate a divergence of interests between Syria and Hizbullah. Israel has repeatedly maintained that Syria is capable of, but unwilling to restrain, Hizbullah for political reasons. While Syria's control of Lebanese politics is uncontested and unquestioned, its real control of daily

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Hot pursuit ends at door to Orient House

JERUSALEM police may continue to officially say otherwise, but yesterday's demonstration at Orient House proved once again that the PLO headquarters is off-limits to police.

Stone and bottle-throwers in Mea She'arim know very well that running for safety into a yeshiva would do them no good, because police would pursue them.

The same goes for Christian pupils throwing stones in the Old City trying to find haven inside

churches.

Police, in hot pursuit, do not even wait for permission from church leaders to go inside.

But Jerusalem police have long been under orders from the government not to go inside Orient House, fearful of the Palestinian and international reaction to such a move.

A senior Jerusalem police officer told *The Jerusalem Post* recently he had asked to raid the PLO headquarters after receiving a tip violent interrogations were

BILL HUTMAN

going on inside, but his superiors forbade it.

Yesterday, Palestinian youths stood inside the fenced compound, throwing stones and bottles at police outside. Police fired rubber bullets in response.

But police allowed the suspects to get away, and did not even attempt to enter Orient House before leaving the area after the clash subsided.

Several of the youths told the

Post they ran for cover inside Orient House knowing that police would not follow.

Palestinian leaders in the city describe the "embassy-like status" of Orient House, which is off-limits to the Israeli authorities.

Only last month the Jerusalem Municipality showed Orient House could be treated like any other building in the city when the courts backed the city's demand to send inspectors inside to halt illegal construction there.

Jerusalem police, however, have apparently chosen not to force its authority on Orient House. "Police saw no need to go inside [Orient House]," a Jerusalem police spokeswoman said. "If we ever see a reason for going inside, we will," she added.

The spokeswoman's statement reflected the police's long-standing official policy and did not explain why a stone- or bottle-thrower anywhere else in Jerusalem would have been a target for arrest.

Senate extends law, gives PLO a breather

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

THE US Senate Foreign Relations Committee decided Friday to issue a 45-day extension of a law allowing the administration to have relations with the PLO.

The House International Relations Committee is due to adopt a similar measure early this week. The actions are necessary, because the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act is due to expire on Friday. MEPPA, which permits US-PLO contacts and US aid to the Palestinian Authority, was enacted in 1994 following the signing of the Declaration of Principles.

The Senate move, which will be in effect until August 15, allows "some breathing space" to work on new legislation, a Senate aide said.

French compromise gives boost to ME development bank

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE creation of a Middle East regional development bank came closer to realization last week when France agreed to a compromise formula enabling the establishment of the bank within two years, Treasury International Division director Ehud Kaufman said last night.

The Europeans have been the major stumbling block to the creation of such a bank, as the US and Japan already support it.

At last week's meeting of the international task force on the creation of a Middle East regional development bank in Paris, the French sprang a surprise proposing a compromise at French President Jacques Chirac's initiative.

The proposal calls for a two-phase approach, where first an institution which will not be able to lend money would be established, and after raising 75 percent of the required \$1.5 billion capital would become a fully functioning bank.

Although several European countries support the French initiative, including Italy and Holland, it was not adopted due to German opposition.

According to officials, it is not clear whether German support will be necessary for the bank's establishment. The question is whether Germany will insist on having a unified European stance and thereby

veto any European support. The officials point out that the issue of European support is more political than financial, since the capital requirements for the bank are fairly modest and could easily be met by the US, Japan, and Canada.

Kaufman said that the French compromise is reasonable. It would set up a Middle East and North African Financial Intermediation Organization (MENAFIO), which would be responsible for identifying projects and writing up proposals, but would have no capital to lend. MENAFIO could be set up immediately.

In the meantime, the organization would begin soliciting countries for the capital necessary to establish the bank. Once 75% of the funds are subscribed, the bank would be created.

Given its limited capital base, the scope of the bank's operations will be small, said Kaufman. It will focus on the private sector, but will not play a lead role in financing regional projects.

According to Kaufman, if the Europeans fail to resolve their differences by the task force's Moscow meeting in July 20, the Casablanca Conference target date for establishing the regional bank by the Amman Economic Conference in October will not be met.

Hamas warns: Truce over

GAZA (Reuters) - Hamas warned over the weekend that the killing of an Islamic Jihad leader spelled the end of an unofficial truce and the dawn of a "black phase."

Tensions rose markedly in Gaza after gunmen shot an Islamic Jihad activist, Mahmoud Hawaja, early on Thursday.

In a fiercely-worded leaflet distributed after Hawaja's burial, Hamas hinted at future attacks on Gaza collaborators with Israel and on Moussa Arafat, military intelligence chief for the Palestinian Authority.

"The collaborators in the Gaza Strip must be ready for a black phase which will return them to their rat nest," it said. "The honeymoon months in which the Oslo agreement saved them are over and will not return."

Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which have killed scores of Israelis in suicide bombings since the Oslo accords were signed, both blamed Israel for Hawaja's death. Islamic Jihad vowed swift and painful vengeance.

Palestinian police chief Nasr Yusef also accused Israel of planning the killing.

"The way the assassination was carried out suggests it was Israeli planned. They used two pistols with silencers and well-trained assassins in the attack," Maj.-Gen. Yusef told Reuters.

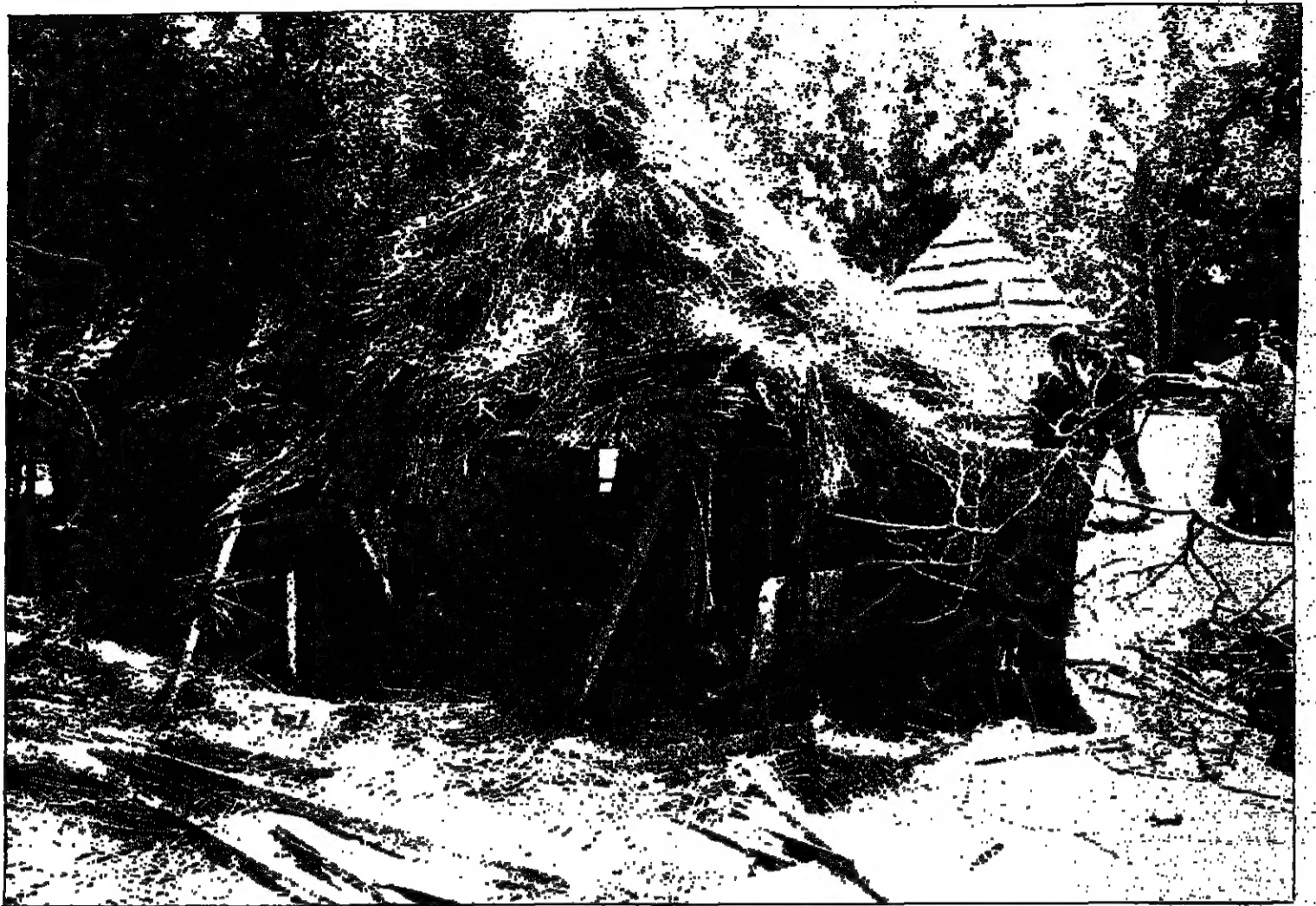
"Israel chose this timing in order to create an excuse for delaying army redeployment in the West Bank," Yusef said.

He said the killing would prompt reprisals by Islamic Jihad, which Israel would use as a pretext to delay extending Palestinian self-rule in the territories.

An Israeli spokesman denied Israel was behind the killing. The Hamas statement was its first acknowledgement that it had ordered its military wing to refrain from attacks on Israelis while it conducted discreet talks with the PLO.

Apparently referring to a bomb placed near a Gaza settlement more than a month ago, Hamas said its military arm had "instructed its members since the last Netzarim operation to calm down the situation, and not to carry out any acts to heat up the situation in the Strip."

It added: "But it seems that Israel's arm is so very long in Gaza, and the time has come to cut off this filthy arm."



This hut at the Club Med vacation village near Nahariya suffered damage during Friday's Katyusha rocket attack. (Rami Schitrit, courtesy of 'Ma'ariv')

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OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine warned Hizbullah that attacks on Israeli civilians would bring suffering on Lebanese civilians.

"If Hizbullah thinks it will bring about a disaster for our citizens, I am convinced that in the end it will bring about a disaster on those very citizens whose welfare they seek," Levine told Israel Radio.

Jose Rosenfeld adds:
Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin,

KATYUSHA

who was addressing the third annual Caesarea Israel Democracy Institute meeting on Friday, said Hizbullah's attack "was aimed foremost at undermining the chances of peace, not only between Israel and the Arabs, but among the Arabs themselves."

He also announced that after consultations with the IDF - and

in an apparent criticism of the South Lebanese Army - it was agreed that the defense forces would take steps to avoid giving Hizbullah "excuses" to fire Katyushas.

Addressing the economic damage of such attacks on the North, Rabin called on residents to visit the Galilee.

"Go to the Galilee, to express the partnership between citizens from the home front and those living on the front lines," he said.

Police probe ampoule case

RAINE MARCUS

AYALON police are investigating two incidents at Holon's Wolfson Hospital, in which doctors noticed that the ampoules of epinephrine they were about to inject into their patients seemed "strange."

The first incident occurred around two weeks ago when the anesthetist in a hospital operating room suddenly noticed that the ampoules - which were supposed to contain epinephrine, a stimulant - had a different label than usual, although the color of the drug was the same.

The label on the ampoule was stuck on, he reported, instead of the name of the drug being imprinted into the sealed glass ampoule.

He told the hospital director, who in turn, informed the Health Ministry.

Police then launched an investigation to discover whether some ampoules contained a different drug, and whether the ampoules were deliberately switched. Police and Health Ministry officials are still awaiting results.

The incident occurred last week when a different doctor was about to use the drug on a patient. He also noticed - at the last minute - that the label was different.

Health Ministry spokesperson Yifat Ben-Chai confirmed the incidents yesterday. "Whenever there is a possibility that negligence or a criminal offense has been committed, the ministry must inform police," she said.

Police also confirmed that a special squad has been formed to probe the incident and to determine if the ampoules were deliberately switched.

Japan coast guard recovers body near site of collision

TOKYO (Reuters) - Japan's coast guard on Friday recovered a body believed to be one of the 27-member crew of a Liberian-registered cargo vessel that sank after a collision in the East China Sea.

An official at the Maritime Safety Agency, or coast guard, said the body was recovered after an aircraft talking part in the rescue operation spotted what appeared to be two bodies floating near the site of the accident.

No survivors have been found so far, and the body was the first to be recovered. The official said it had not yet been identified, but was believed to be from the vessel.

South Korean police have said the crew of the ship were 10 Filipinos, nine Israelis, five Romanians, and three Belgians.

Joint rescue efforts by Japan and South Korea have been hampered by stormy seas, but last night reports said chances of finding survivors were nil. Maritime and Ports Administration Capt.

Danny Cohen was dispatched from Haifa over the weekend to the area to observe the rescue operations.

The 87,709-ton *Mineral Dampier* of Liberia sank on Thursday after it collided with the Hanjin Madras, owned by South Korea's Hanjin Shipping. The 77,000-ton South Korean vessel fractured its bow in the pre-dawn collision.

The coast guard official said four of its patrol vessels and four of its aircraft were taking part in the rescue effort.

He said one aircraft had spotted two people floating near the site of the accident on Thursday, but bad weather had hampered rescue efforts. It was not clear whether the bodies found were the same as those seen on Friday, he said.

The *Mineral Dampier* was carrying iron ore from Brazil to South Korea's southeastern port of Pohang, he said. The collision took place 260 km south of South Korea's Cheju Island.

German chief of staff here for ethics conference

GERMANY'S chief of staff, Gen. Klaus Naumann, arrived here last night for meetings with military officials and to attend a conference at Tel Aviv University on "Obeying Orders in Democratic Regimes."

Naumann was scheduled to meet last night with Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, who was to leave for Washington later.

Alon Pinkas

Zhirinovskiy exits as Shevah Weiss speaks

Russian ultra-nationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovskiy left his faction out of the state Duma on Friday when Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss addressed the lower house of parliament.

Zhirinovskiy, who has often denounced what he sees as the influence of Zionism in Russia and has been accused by Jewish groups of antisemitism, had earlier objected to an Israeli flag hanging outside the Duma and said it should be taken down.

This was not done, and when Weiss went to the podium to speak, Zhirinovskiy strode out of the chamber followed by the other 50-odd members of his Liberal Democratic Party. (Reuters)

We extend our sincere condolences to our colleague and friend, Yitzhak Jacobsen, and his family on the passing of his dear father

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Orna Shulman

Meir Zore'a - 'Zaro' - dies at 72

MAJ.-GEN. (res.) Meir Zore'a, a former OC Northern Command and Dash MK, died yesterday at Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael. He was 72.

He will be buried today in a full military ceremony.

A native of Romania, "Zaro" was active in the Hagana in the 1930s and in 1942 joined the British Army and fought in Europe. He left the British Army in 1945 with the rank of captain.

After the war, Zore'a was part of a group of Jewish former British Army officers known as "The Avengers," who assassinated Nazi officers and officials in Europe.

Zore'a was a battalion commander during the battle for Jerusalem in 1948. After that, he remained in the IDF, where he eventually reached the rank of major-general and appointed

head of the now-defunct Instruction Branch. In 1953 Zore'a retired from the IDF, but was asked to return before the 1956 Sinai Campaign.

In 1959, Zore'a headed Operations Branch, but was forced out of the post following the notorious "Night of the Ducks," when a large-scale reserve mobilization exercise was conducted without the knowledge of then chief of general staff Haim Laskov. Units' code names were aired on the radio without the word "exercise," raising tensions with Arab states. Then OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Yehoshafat Harkabi was forced to resign.

Zore'a was then appointed OC Northern Command, but resigned in 1962 following a disagreement with the CGS over a reprisal attack in Nukiev.

Zore'a lost two sons in battle,

one in the Six Day War and one in the Yom Kippur War.

In 1977, Zore'a was elected to the Knesset on the Dash list, but resigned after only one year and never returned to politics.

In 1984, Zore'a headed the committee that investigated the slaying by General Security Service agents of two Palestinians who were captured alive after they had hijacked bus No. 300.

Alon Pinkas

Israel Chemicals HQ to Beersheba

The headquarters of Israel Chemicals will soon move from Ramat Gan to Beersheba, industrialist Shaul Eisenberg announced over the weekend.

Eisenberg, who made the announcement before thousands of guests at the inauguration of a new power plant at the Dead Sea Works, said he would build a house in Beersheba for his family.

Amir Rosenblit

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North Korea to pull out of armistice agreement

SEOUL (Reuters) — North Korea told the US-led United Nations Command (UNC) it is pulling out of the armistice agreement that ended the 1950-53 Korean war, UNC officials said yesterday.

UNC spokesman Jim Coles said North Korea had informed his command in a border meeting this week "that they will announce the destruction of the 1953 Korean Armistice Agreement."

But South Korean officials played down the significance of the move, saying they suspected North Korea might again be seeking brinkmanship to obtain more concession from Washington.

North Korea has demanded that the armistice be replaced with a full-scale peace treaty with the United States in an arrange-

ment shutting out arch-foe South Korea.

A senior Seoul government official, who asked not to be identified, said the notification was only made verbally at a meeting of duty officers — a channel not designed to deal with important new issues.

"If the North formally declares the scrapping of the armistice, it is a serious matter. It means, technically, South and North Korea will be back at war," he said. "That will freeze all goodwill gestures."

The notification came as South Korea, encouraged by the North's agreement just days earlier to accept emergency food supplies from the South, was hoping for a thaw in relations.

In an overnight meeting of trade officials in Beijing, howev-

er, North Korea asked the South to delay shipments of aid, citing a need for preparation, Seoul officials said.

A Southern ship was due to leave for the North yesterday carrying 2,000 tonnes of rice, the first consignment of 150,000 tonnes Seoul has promised to help ease food shortages in the North.

President Kim Young-sam said on Friday he hoped the supply could help mend ties with the North. But he said yesterday the military should maintain its guard against the North.

Coles said North Korea had made many unilateral attempts to damage or destroy the armistice but pointed out that mutual consent of all parties to the agreement was required for effecting change.

He said the UNC fully support-

ed the armistice agreement and activities under the pact.

Another South Korean official said Pyongyang had already been ignoring procedures stipulated in the armistice.

"I think North Korea wants to pressure the United States to agree to director high-level military contacts," he said.

North Korea, describing the armistice agreement as a useless piece of paper, banned last month UN monitors of the armistice from entering its territory at Panmunjom, the sole crossing point on the inter-Korean Cold War border.

"United Nations Command emphatically rejects all KPA (North Korean People's Army) attempts to unilaterally change, damage or destroy the armistice agreement," Coles said in a statement.

Major turns up the heat in leadership battle

News agencies

LONDON — John Major, struggling off his grey image with a fiery speech, yesterday declared his self-imposed challenge for the leadership of the Conservative Party to be a battle on behalf of the ordinary people of Britain.

In an unusually impassioned speech which referred to his childhood in a poor area of south London, Major said he was determined to win re-election and told Conservative rebels the time for self-indulgence was over.

"I am not fighting to secure re-election as leader of this party because I enjoy being driven around in cars, or in order to savor a few more state dinners, or because I take pleasure in the trappings of office..." he told Conservative supporters in a departure from his prepared text.

"I am fighting because I understand how the people of this country live their lives. I came from the back streets of Brixton and I've never forgotten it. Nor have I forgotten that it was Conservative ideas, Conservative philosophies and Conservative values which enabled me to move from a two-bedroom slum in Coldharbour Lane to live at 10 Downing Street," he added.

It was the normally placid Major's first speech since he stunned Britain by dashing his opponents to stand in a leadership ballot after nearly five years of slipping.

No one has yet taken up the challenge but former finance minister Norman Lamont looks almost certain to declare his bid within the next two days.

The closing date for nominations is June 29 with a secret ballot being held on July 4.

Lamont, a staunch anti-Euro-

pean who was once Major's closest friend, is still smarting from his sacking two years ago.

"I think it seems fairly clear that Norman will stand," Conservative right-winger John Carlisle told BBC radio yesterday.

"I think it is absolutely right that he does. This must be a heavyweight contest. The matters before the party are so important that a frivolous contest or indeed no contest would not do the party any good," Carlisle added.

Political analysts say Lamont would have little chance of beating Major but he could garner enough support or abstentions to fatally damage Major's authority.

Lamont was sacked in 1993 after presiding over the pound's humiliating exit from Europe's exchange rate mechanism. He was also the architect of a deeply unpopular tax on domestic heating.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd was still working behind the scenes to end the war in Bosnia when he resigned on Friday. It was the war closer to home that apparently forced his departure — the split in his own party over closer links to Europe.

Hurd was the quintessential diplomat, the calm voice in stormy negotiations, the senior Western statesman who won respect around the world.

He moved Britain toward European integration — but analysts say he didn't clearly define the country's role in the post-Cold War era.

Over the past six years, the silver-haired patrician figure has stood behind Margaret Thatcher

as she berated fellow leaders of the European Union, and behind her successor, John Major, as he tried to mend the fences and put Britain "at the heart of Europe."

To the liberal, pro-Europeans in the Conservative Party, Britain was still too distant — alone in refusing to endorse a Europe-wide charter on workers' rights and standoffish about a single European currency.

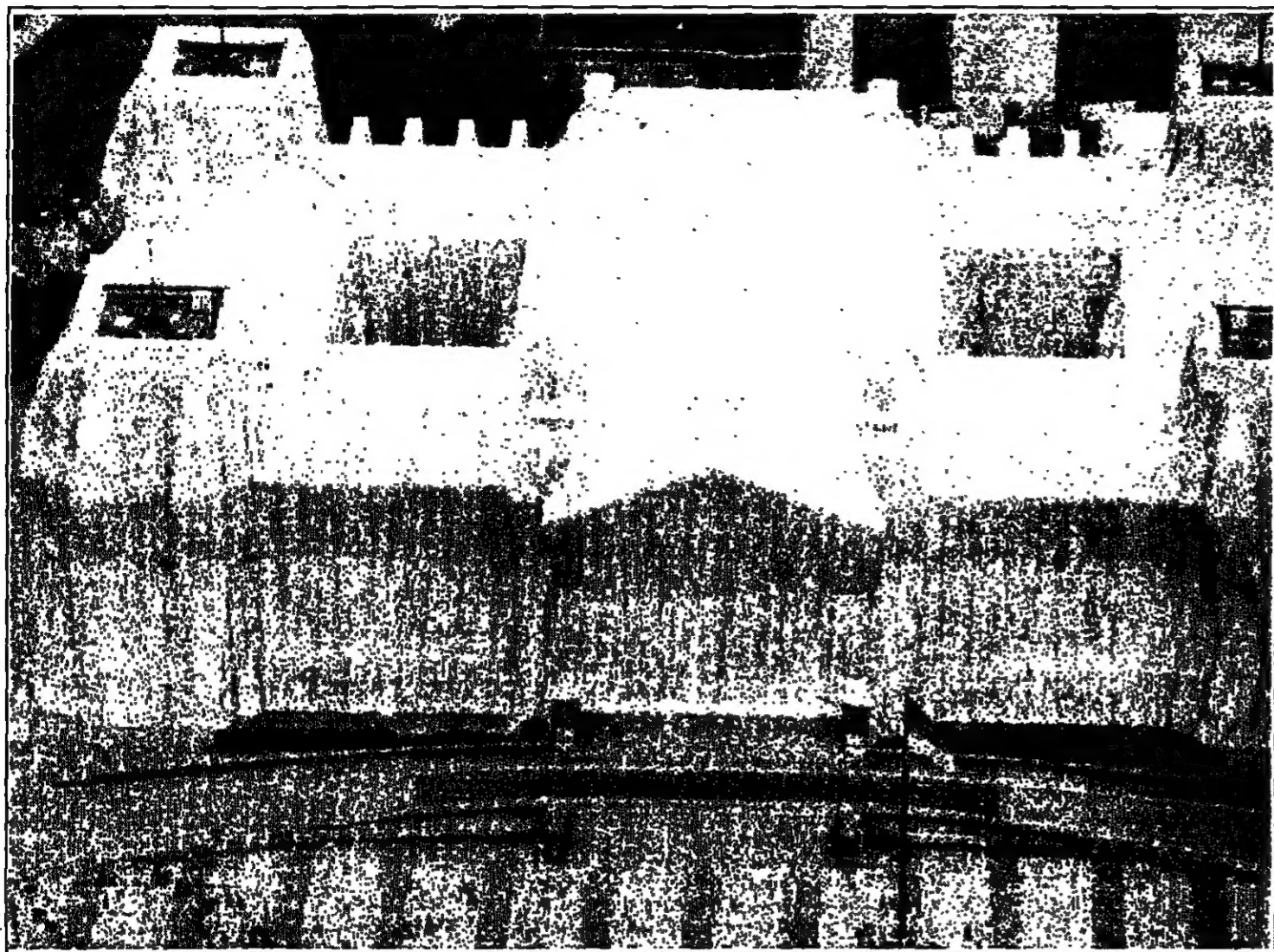
But Britain's warmer relations with the European Union and the willingness of the government to risk its survival to ratify the Maastricht Treaty on closer union — a move supported by Hurd — marked a departure from the Thatcher years.

For right-wing "Euro-skeptics" in the Conservative Party, Major's new look toward Europe was almost tantamount to treason. For three years, they badgered him to distance Britain from Europe.

Hurd had made no secret of his desire to leave the Cabinet this summer. But his sudden resignation, less than 24 hours after Major's, was seen as a way to pacify the prime minister's critics by getting rid of one of the most pro-European Cabinet members.

Right-wingers like Sir Ivan Lawrence were delighted at the possibility that a "more Euro-skeptical" minister might replace Hurd. But even Hurd's most outspoken critics paid tribute to his skills for compromise and negotiation.

"He was the last decent, sane man left in this Cabinet," said Robin Cook, the opposition Labor Party's foreign affairs spokesman. And Lawrence said Hurd made "a magnificent contribution."



An aerial view of the almost finished 'Wrapped Reichstag' project in Berlin. After the weather hampered work, artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude finally finished it yesterday. (AP)

Massacre reported in Bosnian enclave

SARAJEVO (AP) — Government troops made gains in northeast Bosnia, while fighting around Sarajevo eased yesterday to its lowest level since the Muslim-led forces launched an offensive more than a week ago.

But reports of government successes were tempered by state-run radio reports that Bosnian Serb troops had massacred civilians in the eastern Muslim enclave of Srebrenica.

Sarajevo radio said a Serb sabotage unit infiltrated the enclave early yesterday, entering a northern suburb of Srebrenica town and committing "a massacre against the civilian population. There are many dead and wounded."

UN officials confirmed that at least three civilians were killed

in "very unusual circumstances," and said peacekeepers were investigating reports of a massacre.

Initial investigations indicate Serbs appeared to have opened fire on the town of Srebrenica with shoulder-launched rockets, said UN spokesman Jim Landale.

Dutch peacekeepers in the area found a dead woman whose body was surrounded by empty cartridges, said Landale. A man killed by gunshot and one who died from shrapnel were also discovered, he said.

Before dawn yesterday more than 150 explosions rocked Srebrenica, the highest count for a single day this year.

The Bosnian Serb army headquarters, however, claimed

fighting in the Srebrenica region was between feuding Muslims.

Intense artillery exchanges between government and Bosnian Serb forces rocked front lines between the northeastern Serb-held towns of Gradacac and Brcko, with some 1,200 explosions recorded Friday, UN spokesman Lt. Col. Gary Coward said.

Nearby, Serbs on Friday were pushed off the strategic peak of Mount Vis, east of Tuzla, Coward said. The height had been used by Serbs to help target shelling of the town, a UN-de-

clared "safe-area."

The International Committee of the Red Cross reported 3,000 civilians fled from the northwestern area of Vrnograc as fighting raged along the confrontation line there.

In Sarajevo, the capital, fighting was lightest since the government launched a bid to break out of the Serb siege last week.

Coward said the 5,500-strong peacekeeping mission, shut off from resupply by besieging Serbs, had only sufficient food, fuel and other reserves to last them one week.

Japan, US bring in top negotiators

GENEVA (AP) — The United States and Japan have called in their top trade negotiators for a final, serious effort at resolving an auto dispute that could close the American market to thousands of Japanese luxury cars.

US Trade Representative Mick-

ey Kantor and Japanese Trade Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto will meet tomorrow evening to see if they can make peace in the ongoing feud, both sides said yesterday.

They are hoping to avoid the possibility of a damaging trade war.

SHAHAK

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of an eventual peace agreement. Shahabi is joined here for the talks by "fewer than six" generals, the official said.

Christopher will host a similar meeting with Shahak on Tuesday just prior to the start of the negotiations that run through Thursday.

Shahak and his delegation are to hold a working dinner tonight with US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross.

In a briefing Thursday after-

noon for House international relations committee staffers, Ross indicated that Jerusalem and Damascus are in accord on recruiting foreign monitors to observe a future agreement on the Golan Heights.

"The Syrians now agree to an external international presence more clearly than before," but "there's no agreement yet who would be in this international presence," a participant quoted Ross as saying.

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military activities in south Lebanon is perhaps more limited than Israel would like to believe.

Under the impression that an Israeli-Syrian deal is imminent and that a new order in Lebanon may be an outcome of such a deal, Hizbullah could be asserting their power and positioning

itself for the future.

Hizbullah is far away from being a rogue organization operating totally independent of the Syrians. But curbing their activities against Israel and containing possible signs of anti-Syrian intransigence may exact a political price that at this point Syria is not ready to pay.

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Lebanese warlord Samir Geagea gets life in prison

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon's most feared Christian warlord was sentenced to life in prison yesterday for murdering a political rival and his family in 1990, ending an eight-month trial that had stirred Christian-Muslim tensions.

Samir Geagea, 43, became the only militia chief to be convicted of crimes committed during the 15-year civil war, in which 150,000 people were killed. Other warlords were effectively pardoned, and some have assumed senior government positions.

Geagea's supporters, as well as some Lebanese Christians who oppose him, considered the trial politically motivated. They felt it was aimed at further undercutting their diminishing clout in Lebanon's half-Christian, half-Muslim government.

Geagea twice refused posts in postwar Cabinets. Amid tight security, the Judicial Council, Lebanon's highest court, convicted Geagea of assassinating rival Christian leader Dany Chamoun, his wife and two young children in 1990. Geagea was then head of the Lebanese Forces, the most powerful Christian militia, which was disbanded after the war ended in 1990.

Chief Justice Philip Khairallah, chairing the five-judge, non-jury court, pronounced the unanimous guilty verdict after alternating with the other judges in reading for more than three hours an 80-page summation of the trial.

"Samir Geagea had decided to liquidate his rival so he ordered his security apparatus to carry out the murder... though he cannot be considered the ex-



Lebanese militia leader Samir Geagea. (AP)

ecutor," Khairallah said. The judge announced a death sentence, but then commuted it to life in prison at hard labor. He did not give a reason.

The sentence cannot be appealed. Only a presidential pardon or commutation can alter the ruling, and President Elias Hrawi, a Christian, has not said what he would do.

Geagea, who has been held in a Defense Ministry jail since April 21, 1994, was not present at yesterday's court session and Khairallah refused a defense request to bring him in.

Pandemonium broke out outside the heavily guarded courthouse.

Crack army troops scuffled with journalists and about 200

Geagea supporters, waving fists in the air and shouting Geagea's nickname "Hakim," Arabic for doctor. Geagea was a medical student before becoming a militiaman at the onset of the war.

Troops confiscated film from reporters and roughed up people outside the court. Three people were injured, including a local TV station's cameraman, but no arrests were reported.

Inside the court, Geagea's wife, Strida, wearing a large gold cross, stared at the judges as Khairallah read the ruling. "This is a second assassination of Dany Chamoun," she later told reporters.

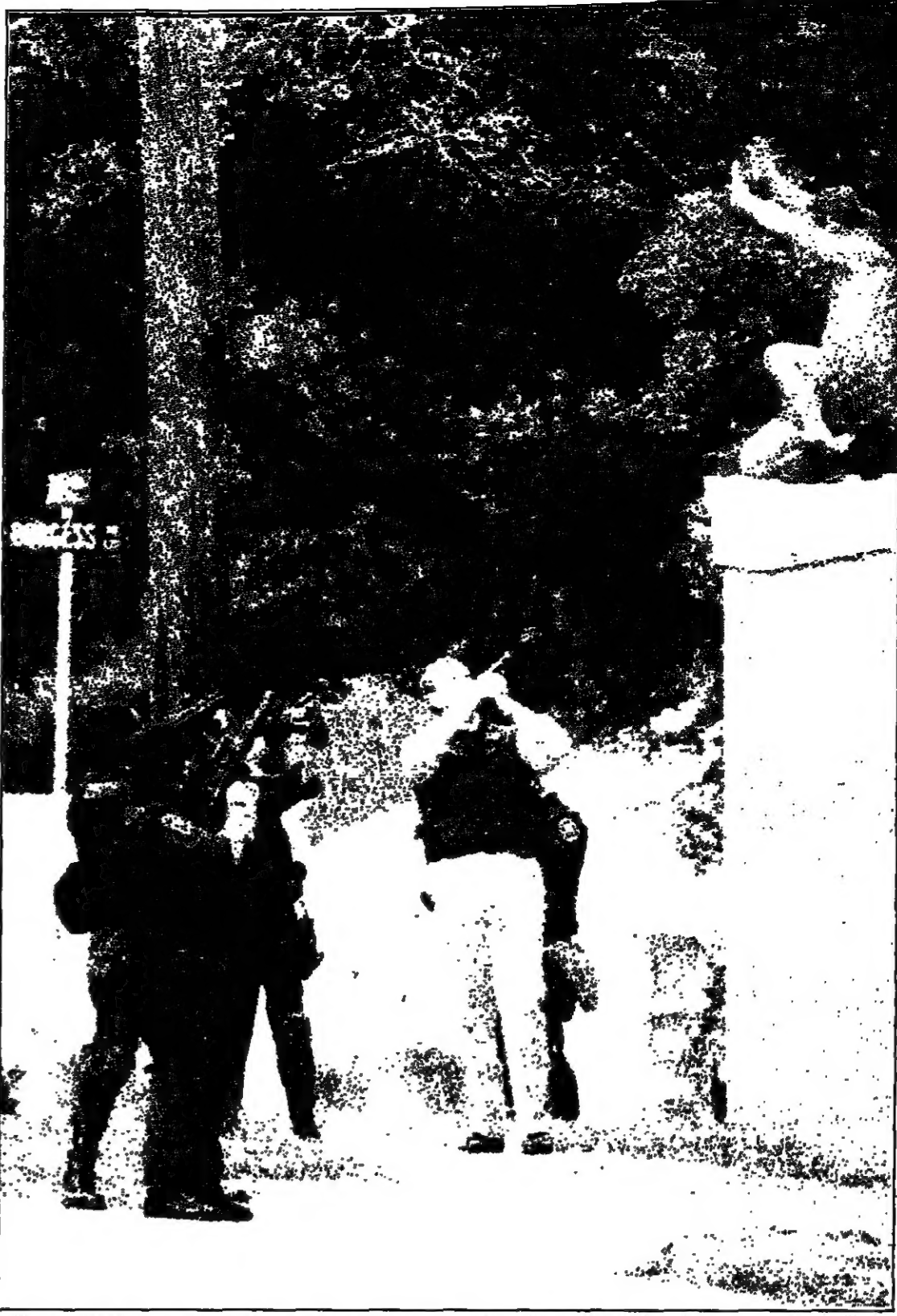
In anticipation of possible trouble, troops fanned out in Christian east Beirut and the Christian heartland to the north.

Geagea also faces murder charges in a Feb. 27, 1994, church bombing that killed 11 worshippers and injured 60.

Geagea, who was widely feared in Lebanon's Christian heartland during the civil war, has repeatedly declared his innocence in both the Chamoun and church murders.

In all, 13 defendants in the Chamoun case were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 10 years to life. Only Geagea and two others stood trial. The rest have fled the country. One of those who stood trial was acquitted.

The council awarded Chamoun's two surviving daughters, 5-year-old Tamara Jeane and 33-year-old Tracy, total payments of 450 million Lebanese pounds (about \$180,000) to be paid by the 13 convicted. One pound (less than 2 agorot) was awarded to Chamoun's right-wing National Liberal Party as compensation.



A Greenville County, South Carolina, SWAT team waits as Brian Keith Stephens surrenders after a stand-off Thursday, when he fired shots and threatened officers with a shotgun. (AP)

Haitians eager to vote in general election

LEOGANE, Haiti (Reuters) — Working in his tailor's shop decorated with pictures of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, 67-year-old Lefranc Jean said he would be up at dawn today to vote in his country's first free elections in five years.

"The biggest thing that Aristide can do is destroy the army — that's all he has to do," said Jean, one of the millions of pro-Aristide Haitians who rejoiced last year in the deposed leader's return from exile in the United States.

Jean said his most important priority in the parliamentary and local elections would be choosing lawmakers to permanently abolish the army which helped overthrow Aristide, a champion of the poor and powerless, in a 1991 military coup.

The army of Haiti has always gone out and broken bones which has made us nothing," Lefranc said, echoing the view of many Haitians victimized by years of military and paramilitary terror in the impoverished Caribbean nation.

Despite a low-key campaign that ended with a flurry of rallies and other events on Friday, a strong turnout is expected at the polls today to cement the turbulent country's transformation to democratic rule.

The ballot is widely seen as a crucial test for Haiti's fledgling democracy under President Aristide, who returned to power last October with the help of thousands of US troops.

"Our future is at stake. We're taking things into our own hands," said Pierre Lefranc, a 20-year-old unemployed schoolteacher from the rural town of Leogane, 30 km outside Port-au-Prince.

The devastated country faces huge problems with three out of four workers jobless. Only two out of 10 can read or write.

Foreign election observers say it is difficult to estimate turnout, but voter registration of some 80-90 percent and the more than 10,000 candidates running for municipal, state and parliamentary seats are an indication of strong participation.

Official foreign observers say close monitoring and security measures will guard against fraud and violence.

Zairean PM: Refugees must go home

GOMA, Zaire (Reuters) — Zaire's prime minister, Kengo wa Dondo, told several thousand cheering fellow countrymen yesterday that around a million Rwandan refugees living on their doorsteps had overstayed their welcome and must go home.

Kengo, speaking at the start of a tour of eastern Zaire's refugee-swamped provinces following clashes between residents and Rwandans over land, did not spell out how the refugees would be repatriated.

But he accused members of Rwanda's former Hutu army of preventing those who wanted to return from leaving.

"The government thinks that all the refugees have to go back home," he said, speaking in Lingala, a language widely understood in Zaire. "Hospitality has its limits."

Kengo, accompanied by Defense Minister Admiral Mayus Mudima, told an estimated 3,000 Zaireans some refugees wanted to take over this corner of Zaire. "They want to transform themselves into Zaireans. They want to invade," he said, adding: "Inside the refugee camps they have organized themselves into prefectures (administrative districts) as though they were at home."

He accused Hutu "bandits," who have been blamed for the genocide of up to one million minority Tutsis and Hutu opponents in Rwanda last year, of preventing refugees from returning home.

Kengo's visit followed clashes between Zaireans and Rwandans in which at least 85 people have been killed. Some sources say the number of dead may run into hundreds. The deaths were reported in the Masisi and Walikale areas around Goma.

The Zairean government sent extra troops to the area to halt the attacks and protect its citizens. "We are going to do everything we can to re-establish order in the North Kivu district," Kengo told his audience in loud applause.

Peaceful Slovenia marks fourth anniversary

SLOVENIA, the first Yugoslav republic to break away from Belgrade, will mark the fourth anniversary of independence today with its attention focused on wealthy western Europe and away from the Balkans.

The northernmost of the six republics that made up Yugoslavia before the war, Slovenia has washed its hands of Europe's worst calamity in half a century and turned its economy and aspirations to the west and north.

About the size of Canada's Lake Ontario with geography ranging from Alpine peaks to Mediterranean seashore, the country won independence after a 10-day war in June 1991 that left 64 people dead.

It swiftly repaired buildings damaged in fighting, aligned itself to Western institutions, redirected exports from the rest of Yugoslavia to the West and avoided further involvement in the war that moved south to Croatia and Bosnia.

"In the past four years Slovenia has gained self-confidence and achieved significant economic results," Slovenian presi-

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dent Milan Kucan said at a news conference this week to discuss the country's first four years of independence.

He said the most important task now is to form a clear identity and vision for the future. Entry into the European Union (EU) and NATO were top priorities.

With its economy growing solidly, the centerpiece of Slovene policy is to become one of the first east European nations to be admitted to the EU.

The latest twists and turns in Slovenia's bid to win associate membership of the EU — a preliminary step — dominate media coverage, relegating the war raging just a few hundred kilometres (miles) to the south to the back pages.

Slovenia's unsuccessful efforts to get invited to the EU summit in Cannes later this month have been the top story in recent weeks.

Another main issue is the

country's simmering feud with Italy over their inability to resolve property claims by former minority Italians who were expelled or fled to Italy after the 1945 Yugoslav takeover of the Istrian coast.

But ordinary Slovenes, while interested in the idea of one day joining the EU, are more concerned with making ends meet.

While the country's overall economy is doing well, times are hard for many.

Income per head, after dropping sharply in the wake of the war, is now a respectable \$9,000 and gross domestic product grew a healthy five percent in 1994, despite a sharp drop in trade with former Yugoslavia.

Inflation was down to 13.5 percent in May 1995 from 201.3 percent back in 1992. But unemployment, at nearly 14 percent, is still high.

Few Slovenians will take part in official celebrations marking independence that begin this evening and conclude tomorrow with a fireworks display.

"I've got too many other worries with my everyday life to watch the fireworks," said one man in downtown Ljubljana. (Reuters)

Clinton to meet Walesa despite controversy

WARSAW (AP) — President Lech Walesa left for San Francisco yesterday to attend the United Nations' 50th anniversary celebrations and a meeting with US President Bill Clinton.

The meeting with Clinton tomorrow was confirmed by the White House and Walesa's office after a two-week controversy over the Polish president's delay in commenting on an antisemitic sermon delivered in his presence.

Polish media had indicated that Clinton might snub Walesa, being the only head of state among the Nobel Peace Prize winners invited to the session.

Talking to reporters before the trip, Walesa said he hoped to discuss with the US president efforts by Poland and other Eastern European nations to join NATO and the European Union.

"We would like to speed up those processes," Walesa said.

Walesa did not say whether he planned to explain to Clinton his delayed reaction to the June 11 sermon by his longtime friend, the Rev. Henryk Jankowski of St. Brygidy's church in Gdansk.

The nationwide *Zycie Warszawy* newspaper quoted unidentified White House sources as saying Clinton had agreed to meet Walesa on condition that they talk about antisemitism in

Poland. Asked what he will tell Clinton, Walesa said he would invite the US president to a sermon by Jankowski.

"I do not write those sermons. I only go to church," Walesa said without elaborating.

At the June 11 Mass in Gdansk, Jankowski linked Jews to the rise of Nazism and communism, saying, "The Star of David is implicated in the swastika as well as in the hammer and sickle."

Three days later, the priest issued a statement saying, "Jews, like all other people, happen to do unbecoming things in public life, just like they happen to do very noble things."

The statement referred to Jews' activities as "bankers and financiers."

"A lot of human tragedy came as a result of these activities," the priest said.

Despite protests from intellectuals, politicians and church officials, Walesa waited nine days to comment, then appeared to defend the priest. When he issued a statement, it condemned antisemitism in general, but made no mention of Jankowski. His office later quoted the president as saying he could not judge a priest.

In a one-hour telephone conversation with Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, Walesa said he did not condemn Jankowski because the church had already done so and the church is the highest authority.

"He said that had he heard it (the remarks), he would have left the church in the middle of the sermon and that is a strong statement, especially in Catholic Poland," Wiesel said in a telephone interview from New York.

"I see it as a condemnation of the Rev. Jankowski's words," Wiesel said. During the "very emotional conversation" with Wiesel, Walesa said he would tell Jankowski that there is no place for antisemitism in his entourage and that an antisemite can never be his friend, according to Wiesel.

Before departing for the United States yesterday, Walesa said he was too busy to talk to Jankowski himself and had asked an aide to talk to the priest.

"I will talk to the priest after my return," he promised.

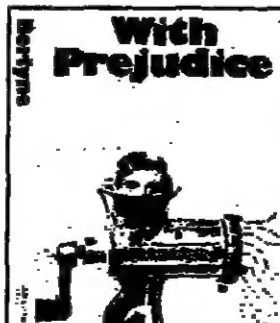
"I would like to check... something I was so far sure of — that is that the Rev. Jankowski is not antisemitic," Walesa said.

"But people do change, and one has to make sure," he said.

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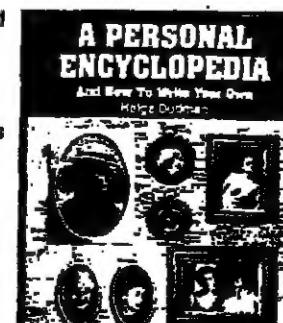
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'Post' looks back to the future

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THE Jerusalem Post's Information Service and Tel Aviv University are looking backwards into the future and making history.

The Post is the first newspaper in the world to digitize its archives retroactively, transforming its yellowed, disintegrating pages covering nearly six decades into CD-ROM disks for the use of researchers and eventually the public at large.

In the process, the unique project has created new technology that can be used widely to preserve priceless old documents and books.

The Post and TAU carried out the project with the help of Iota Industries, a local software company specializing in the production of ever-changing, complex technical manuals for weapons systems and jet planes.

The result has been so successful that electronic publishing firms and archivists are beating the path to the company's door.

The prestigious US-based Seybold Report - known as the world's foremost authority on electronic publishing - was sufficiently excited by the project that it sent a senior editor to study the Post-TAU project. The editor dedicated nearly the entire February 13 issue to it.

The project grew out of a problem facing the Post's Information Service director Nina Keren-David, who wondered what to do with hundreds of old box files of clippings of *The Palestine Post*.

from the paper's founding in 1932 until cardboard folders were introduced in 1972.

(Since 1988, all text has been digitized and put on CD-ROM.)

Israel Museum experts on document preservation examined the archives and found that clippings, carefully pasted according to subject, place and name, were hopelessly falling apart. Optimum conditions of temperature and humidity had not been maintained. Acidic paper and glue had been used, dooming the documents to extinction.

KEREN-DAVID enlisted the Central Zionist Archives (CZA), headed by Yoram Mayorek, to make two photostatic copies of each page; the CZA would retain one copy and the Post would keep the other.

The CZA leaped at the deal, recognizing the box files as a valuable source of information about the Yishuv and the State of Israel.

Researchers could have gone through the bound volumes of the old papers or through the microfilm collection (which costs a prohibitive \$20,000). But looking for information without the benefit of indexed categories makes such work unbearably painstaking.

Shalom Rabani, a young archive-rehabilitation worker at the CZA, photocopies the pages one by one. A single box file entails six hours of work. He then binds them as soft-cover books. Since



Rather than poring over bound volumes (above), researchers will be able to access back issues of *'The Jerusalem Post'* via CD-ROMs and view them on computer. (Sarit Uziel)

April 1994, Rabani has produced 130 such books.

That left the problem of preserving the bound volumes of old papers. Querying experts, Keren-David was put in touch with

Dr. Ron Zweig, director of humanities computing at TAU and a senior lecturer in Jewish history. Zweig, a native Australian, immediately recognized the volumes as a "national treasure"



and was determined to find a way to digitize it.

The Palestine Post, like other newspapers of decades ago, used now-obsolete, small fonts and narrow columns; carried few pictures; and the density of text was twice that of today's papers, which are more graphic and easy on the eyes.

The optical character-recognition systems in use are unsuited to these texts.

"They don't recognize the old fonts, and most scanners are just too small to work with broadsheet papers," Zweig explains.

ZWEIG CONDUCTED a worldwide search for a software company that could overcome the text's obstacles and found it, not far from campus, at Iota Industries in Ramat Gan, headed by Yoni Stern and Eli Yisraeli.

"They had developed exactly what we were looking for, even though it had to be adapted for scanning the Post," Zweig says.

"The Iota system could locate text anywhere on a page. I realized that I'd found exactly what we needed. They quickly agreed to work with us because they saw it as a challenge."

Zweig, who had raised \$150,000 from the Council for Higher Education's planning and budgeting committee for his computing work, won TAU's approval

to spend \$60,000 of it on the Post preservation project.

Giant machines that could scan two broadsheet pages at a time were purchased, and Iota software was adapted for this specialized use.

Starting from 1939 ("the beginning of the most historic period covered," Zweig says), volumes were transported from Jerusalem to the campus and unbound.

Five TAU students were hired to do the page-by-page scanning, quality control and processing on 90-megahertz Pentium-chip computers.

Some pages and even files were missing; students had to obtain the material from other sources and occasionally scan from microfilm records.

Unlike conventional OCR technology, Keren-David says, the Iota system reproduces each page of the paper the way it actually looked. One can see headlines, location on the page, illustrations and photographs.

"This is very important to researchers," she says.

"If they see only the text, they can't get as much of an appreciation of the importance given a story. There is a difference between its being put at the top of the page or at the bottom. It also shows keywords in context, so researchers can decide if a certain article really interests them."

Iota took the software used for converting the Post into a database to a trade fair in the US. "They didn't expect much interest, but they called us to say they were being mobbed," Zweig says.

The Seybold Report sent European editor Andrew Tribune here. It was his eighth visit, since Seybold regards Israel as a leader in computer technology.

He wrote: "Every once in a while we come across a technology, a piece of hardware or a software package that is so remarkable in what it does or on the effect it is likely to have in the market that we take serious note of it.... It's rare to find a new product that excites observers as much as the Newsware system introduced by Iota Industries."

THE BY-PRODUCT of the archive project is that the technology can be used to preserve precious old books and manuscripts, as well as technical documents, professional papers and general office documents.

It takes five minutes to scan and process a single page of the *Palestine Post*. In the past couple of months, his team has scanned papers covering 1939 through 1940, and processed 2,100 pages from 1939 and part of 1940. An index will be produced on one disk that refers to any single word on the rest of them.

A year of *The Palestine Post* takes up a single 650-megabyte CD-ROM; improved storage technologies are rapidly producing disks with much more capacity (as much as three gigabytes). In the future, fewer than 56 will be needed to cover 1932 to 1988, he says.

Bound volumes of *The Palestine Post* and *The Jerusalem Post* until 1988 cover 150,000 broadsheet pages.

The TAU historian would like to take the entire job in a year, but for this he would need to double his staff and get another \$25,000 for equipment from an outside donor or investor.

"Some of the largest electronic publishers of scholarly materials have already expressed their interest," Zweig says.

Multimedia tour takes wrong path

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

GALLONS of ink have been spilled over the virtues of multimedia software. It's the latest, greatest, money-spinningest thing, equaled only by the other Big Thing, the Internet.

Actually, I believe some multimedia software is great and does provide a practical use for the home computer. When it comes to such things as encyclopedias and other reference works, it may eventually replace the traditional 30-volume set of books.

The trouble is that in their frantic rush to get to market, some companies have thrown common sense out the window.

A case in point is the "Pathways through Jerusalem" disk, which is still being developed by the American company Future Vision and Jerusalem's Super Studio. I saw it both at a presentation in the Old City and on a preview disk.

"Pathways" is a classic example of the truth that a flawless technical feat does not a program make.

It has the same Apple Quicktime VR multimedia engine as the "Star Trek Next Generation Interactive Technical Manual," which is of an equally high standard.

Animation is smooth, sound quality is good, and, as usual, there is a slight problem with synchronization between sound and pictures. Some of the speech is a little incomprehensible, and the music is too loud.

The disk is billed as a multimedia tour of Jerusalem's Old City from the perspective of its residents' perspective.

These include four youngsters, a Jew, a Moslem, a Christian and an atheist, and four historical figures: King David; King Herod; Queen Helena, Roman Emperor Constantine's mother and one of the chief figures in the early history of Christian Jerusalem;

and Dirk the Crusader, a moron with a cockney accent.

The first four guides appear to be sincere, serious and knowledgeable. These four should have been enough, and would have allowed the inclusion of more depth into the disk.

The four historical figures are the disk's downfall. Each in his own way is displayed as a cretin. King David, who appears as a rotund, elderly man with a Yiddish accent, struts off the incident with Bathsheba ("nobody's perfect"). King Herod appears as a mafioso with machine-gun-toting bodyguards, while Queen Helena is preoccupied with fashion and shopping ("I'm clean out of frankincense").

Instead of what could have been an interesting multimedia presentation of Jerusalem, the program appears as a ham-acted, gimmicky, amateurish horror. It is well worth avoiding when it comes out in time for the Jerusalem 3000 anniversary celebrations.

ON A happier note, Kivun recently released Version 2 of its Dagesh multilingual word-processing program.

To let you in on a secret, I have always used Dagesh for my writing, ever since Version 1.0. I've always liked it because it is fast and simple and supports lots of accented characters and alphabets.

Version 2, thankfully, keeps the former while enhancing the latter.

Dagesh has always been a little light on features. It has no footnotes, table of contents or automatic indexing. This is characteristic of word processors which concentrate on multilingualism.

The latest Dagesh, however, has added tables and columns, and now has a zoom feature to allow you to see your document at different sizes. It also includes integrated support for faxing documents.

The program includes more languages, such as Arabic, Greek - modern only - and Turkish. It also has spelling checkers for Russian, Spanish and French, as well as for US and UK English.

As usual with such a program, a language is treated as a package of font, keyboard and speller options. For instance, choosing British English from the snazzy, flag-draped language menu will get the correct keyboard layout for British English and the correct spelling checker.

Choosing Australian English gives Aussies the satisfaction of seeing their own flag, but actually chooses the same options as UK English. Arabic has an Arabic font and keyboard, while Russian would change the default font, keyboard and spelling checker.

The Arabic keyboard is particularly impressive. As Arabic letters are a different shape, depending on their position in the word, Dagesh must decide which shape to use and change the letters in real time as text is added. This does quickly enough so as not to cramp your typing style.

Dagesh is probably the world's premier system for multilingual word processing. Further work needs to be done on the word-processing side of the system; footnotes, for instance, are a necessity.

A future, beefed-up Dagesh could be a world-beating program for academic users, who currently need a program like TeX for specialized multilingual articles.

In the meantime, Dagesh 2 is a big step in the right direction, and the language handling is second to none.

The smaller the egg, the harder the shell

TELL ME WHY

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

WHY do some eggs explode when you boil them, but not others? How can this be prevented? Sharon, Herzliya.

Thruva egg-division director Shlomo Michaeli comments:

Eggs with a thinner shell are more likely to explode when boiled. Big eggs and eggs laid by older chickens are more likely to have thin shells. Abroad, the most popular eggs are small, size 3, weighing about 60 grams. But Israelis prefer larger eggs. Since the same amount of calcium is produced by the chicken to enclose each egg when it's laid, larger eggs have a larger surface area than small ones and thus their shells are thinner.

Also, most poultry farmers abroad slaughter chickens at the age of 18 months. The younger the layers are, the more calcium they have and the thicker the shells. Here, poultry farmers try to save money and get as much as

they can out of their chickens - so they slaughter them only at age two-and-a-half. Thus they have less calcium and their eggshells are thinner and more fragile.

There is nothing you can do to prevent this. Adding salt to the water does, however, make them somewhat easier to peel.

Why do some countries, like ours, have the hamsin, while it is unknown in most others? Is it due to topographical or temperature differences? Irwin, Beersheba.

Prof. Avraham Zangvil, a meteorological expert at the Institute for Desert Research at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, replies:

A hamsin is a spell of very hot (usually over 38°C), dry weather, often accompanied by high winds

and sometimes with sandstorms. Due to low air pressure, it is called a hamsin depression. It comes from the Arabic word for 50, as it was believed the hamsin most often occurs during the 50 days of spring (roughly between Pesach and Shavuot). It is very unusual in the world, occurring almost solely in North Africa and the Middle East. Very hot spells can occur in other regions such as North America, but there they tend to be humid and cannot be called hamsin. A sharav, which often occurs during the spring and summer months here, is just hot weather, but lacks other hamsin characteristics. California suffers from "Santa Anna winds," which are very dry, but this phenomenon occurs in the fall, not in the spring.

During spring, pressure systems that cause rainfall in the winter become weaker and retreat to the north. But in late spring, there is a large difference in temperature between that of the Mediterranean Sea (in the low 20s) and that of the soil surface (up to 50° or 60°C during the day). This large temperature gradient is a major factor in producing a hamsin. Thus the hamsin is unique to the area because of the unusual topography and coastline configuration.

Have you always wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, c/o Jerusalem Post Science & Technology Reporter Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, The Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 81, 91000 Jerusalem, or fax it to (02) 389527. Please include your first name and place of residence. Calls will not be accepted.

Life's eighth decade presents the most problems

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

DOCTORS have found that the average person who survives beyond middle age suffers the most frequent and serious bouts with disease between the ages of 70 and 79. But they've also discovered that if you survive this "critical age," you're more likely to enjoy a relatively healthy and stable existence.

This was the conclusion of a statistical analysis by Israeli doctors of some 260 studies that have appeared in world medical journals. Vladimir Shats, Silvio Kozakof and David Kohn of Sieff Hospital in Safed and Carmel Hospital in Haifa divided up data according to the patients' ages and examined 693 medical criteria.

The period in which the most

patients suffered the most serious deterioration in health was the eighth decade of life. People of this age are confronted, on average, with about two "health crises" per month. Significant deterioration in health is also likely to occur between 60 and 69; but surprisingly, the average person's condition is as stable between 80 and 89 as between 50 and 59.

Natural selection seems to be involved: elderly people with serious diseases tend to die in their seventies, leaving the healthier "old-old" as survivors. High blood pressure, high blood cho-

lesterol and elevated levels of insulin and sugar in the blood are the riskiest for the "young-old" in their 70s, but these levels tend to decline in the 80s, making their condition more stable if they've survived the "critical age," the researchers concluded.

In addition, the "old-old" also tend to recognize their physical limitations and accept them, and to take fewer risks with their health. Because of their age, they are also generally closely watched by their doctors. The researchers conclude that studying disease according to age groups

is very helpful in increasing understanding of the process of aging.

MDA REPORT CARD

A total of 282,000 people were treated by Magen David Adom's ambulance and mobile-intensive-care-unit staff last year, a 6.6 percent increase, even though a financial-recovery program has cut the organization's staff and budget. The cases included heart attacks, asthma attacks, strokes, falls, burns, drownings, poisonings, suicide attempts and women in labor.

MDA also reported that it collected 221,000 units of blood last year, up 6.8% over 1993. MDA has 900 salaried workers, plus 5,200 volunteers, 3,000 of them teenagers.

New Weizmann superconductor harnesses the sun

NEW WORLDS

POST SCIENCE REPORTER

ARGHMEDES set fire 2,200 years ago to the Roman fleet that lay siege to Syracuse by focusing the sun's rays on a large parabolic mirror and bouncing them off the enemy. This ancient technique has now been adapted by Weizmann Institute scientists for a very different, high-tech purpose: to obtain ceramic superconductors with possible industrial applications.

Prof. Shimon Reich of the department of materials and interfaces, who describes the novel approach in the current issue of *Applied Superconductivity*, led a team of doctoral students in what is apparently the world's first successful attempt to produce a superconductor using sunlight.

Under extreme temperatures, superconductors minimize friction, allowing electrons to pass through at high speeds. Reich, who developed this clean and fast method at the Institute's Schaefer Solar Research Complex, believes that frictionless ball bearings and other improved mechanical devices may one day be manufactured from the superconducting material his team developed using a beam of concentrated sunlight. The solar furnace

has a large round concentrating dish that focuses sunlight onto a single spot - producing beams 11,000 times more concentrated than those of rays reaching Earth.

When produced by conventional methods (called oxygen sintering), a ceramic superconductor called yttrium barium copper oxide (YBCO) carries a current of only a few hundred amperes per square centimeter in medium magnetic fields and at minus 196°C. But when the same material is prepared in a solar furnace, it can carry 40,000 amperes of electricity per square centimeter at the same temperature and magnetic field strength.

Reich believes the "sun-melted" YBCO superconductor will be suitable for a variety of applications, including the design of superconducting magnetic ball bearings of very-low friction for high-speed turbines and the manufacture of efficient magnetic "dampers" of mechanical vibrations. Parts that normally

glide or hang against each other would - with the superconducting material - be separated by a miniature cushion of air and held in place by a magnetic field. The parts could then interact with each other without touching and producing friction.

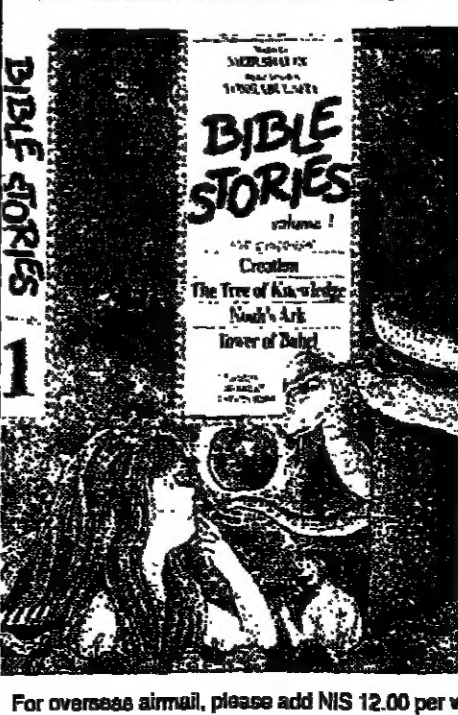
USIS INFO OVER INTERNET

Computer users who seek data from the US Information Service (USIS) can now get it in Israel via its Washington-based World Wide Web (WWW) and Gopher Internet servers.

The US Embassy in Tel Aviv announced that a wide variety of information is available, including transcripts of White House and State Department briefings, the USIS news service and summaries of overseas commentary on American policy. Other available data include articles on American policies, history, media and the arts; and details on student and professional exchanges, English teaching and study in the US.

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Lebanon cease-fire first

SHOOTING again from the hip, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin blamed the South Lebanese Army for the lethal Katyusha attack on the Galilee on Friday morning. It was the killing of a Lebanese villager by SLA shells which prompted Hizbullah to retaliate, he said. It's not difficult to understand Rabin's frustration at Hizbullah's violations of his American-brokered agreement with Syria, concluded after Operation Accountability. Such violations not only kill Israelis and disrupt life in the Galilee, they tend to cast doubt on his repeated assertions (unsubstantiated by history) that Syria's dictator Hafez Assad is a man of his word. It must also be frustrating not to be able to punish and deter Hizbullah effectively, for fear that large-scale action would "derail the peace process." The army, too, must be chafing at the constraints imposed by the government. OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levin's "no comment" on Friday, when asked whether he was being constrained by the political leadership, spoke volumes. As minister of defense, Rabin is acutely aware of the damage to army morale such constraints can do. But even the most trying frustrations should not drive the prime minister to feeding the enemy's propaganda. Both Hizbullah and Hamas like to begin history at a point convenient to them. Hamas and Islamic Jihad call the murder of Jews by suicide bombers a retaliation for the killing of Moslem worshippers in Hebron by Baruch Goldstein. They obviously hope the world has forgotten all the terrorist acts, including suicide bombings, which preceded the Hebron massacre. Hizbullah, too, blames Israeli and SLA actions for their attacks. But surely Rabin knows that the recent shelling of a Hizbullah-controlled village by the SLA can hardly be described as the initial act in the cycle of violence.

What may embarrass Rabin in particular is that the SLA's action exposed the fact that his agreement with the Syrians discriminated between Hizbullah shelling of the Shi'ite villages

in the security zone, which were allowed to continue, and the targeting of Galilee villages and towns, which were supposed to stop in return for the cessation of Israeli bombings of Hizbullah villages. But it is difficult to blame SLA soldiers, eager to defend their homes and families, for trying to silence the sources of the shelling on their villages.

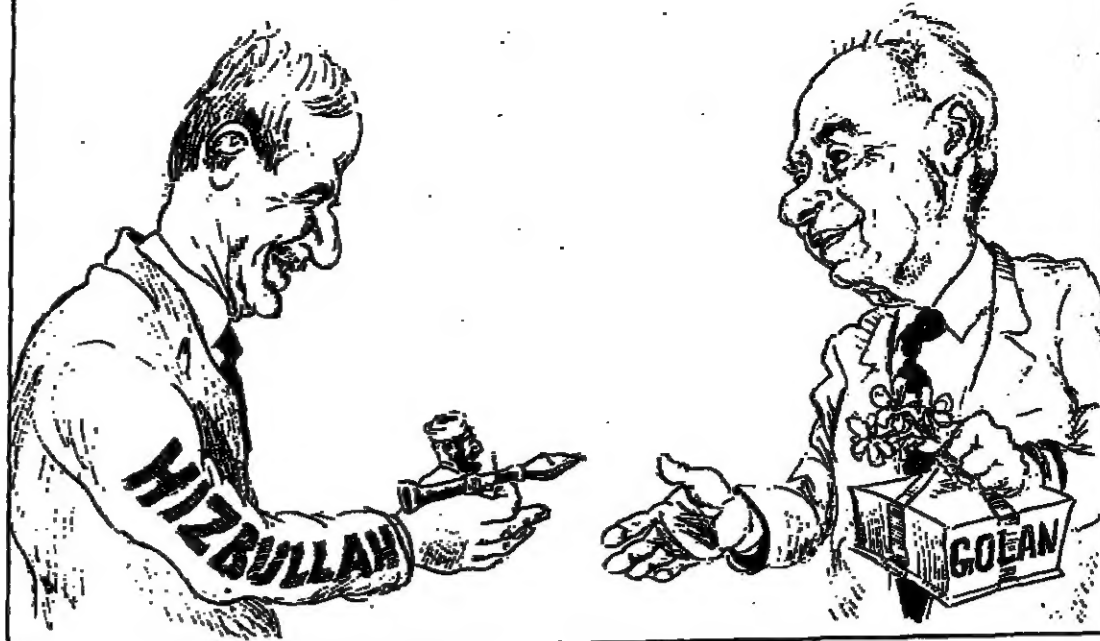
The latest Hizbullah shelling was in breach of the post-"accountability" agreement, regardless of what the SLA had done before. But more important than Hizbullah's culpability is the fact that the Syrians can stop these shelling instantaneously. In the three-and-a-half years of on-again-off-again talks with Israel, they have shown no inclination to do so. Nor has Israel - which has displayed unseemly and self-defeating anxiety to reach an agreement as quickly as possible - ever made a cease-fire in Lebanon a condition for talks on Israeli withdrawal.

Now that a few members of Rabin's own cheerleaders in the Israeli press and the Knesset seem to understand that a cease-fire in Lebanon should be the first subject of the negotiations, it must be hoped that the government will give the proper instructions to Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak when he begins negotiations with his Syrian opposite number in Washington this week. There is no government in the world that will agree to negotiate with an adversary which continues shooting.

Moreover, allowing the Syrian side to talk about security arrangements in the Golan, a full Israeli withdrawal, and demilitarized zones before a cease-fire is effected in Lebanon is tantamount to admitting that Hizbullah - Syria's proxy in Lebanon - is truly an independent force which can continue to kill Israelis with relative impunity throughout the negotiations.

If Rabin believes that, once he sets the precedent of accepting the fiction of Hizbullah's independence, he will be able to negotiate the cessation of its activities after withdrawing from the Golan, he has much to learn about the dynamics of negotiations in the Middle East.

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Between the cracks

DAVID S. BEDEIN

A call came to our home not so long ago. A chronically ill single mother in Beer-sheva was in despair. She had no food for the approaching festival.

If the local social worker hadn't confirmed the situation, I don't know if I would have believed it. The woman works a part-time job and her medical bills are covered, but she cannot make ends meet at NIS 800 a month. The social worker said she has dozens of cases like this - people with meager fixed incomes who have "fallen between the cracks" of government agencies.

Yet most Israelis aren't overly bothered about the plight of these people. What they are into is the ever-growing pace of conspicuous consumption. They are buying fancy cars, videos, foreign vacation packages, portable telephones, second apartments, stock options, and investment portfolios. And the media, quick to chart this trend, have mostly ignored the downside of society.

In his first press conference for the international media, new Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg said that the time had come for Israelis to take a hard look at what they could do for their own needy people, rather than depending exclusively on help from abroad.

The results of that hard look would indeed be noteworthy:

- An Israel child advocacy organization reports that more than 125,000 Israeli children now suffer from malnutrition.
- The National Insurance Institute reports that at least 200,000 families have fallen below the poverty line, which includes at least 80,000 single-parent households.
- The institute reports that at least 100,000 elderly people subsist on little or no pension.
- More than 300,000 Israeli citizens are currently facing criminal prosecution and possible imprisonment as a result of debts they have incurred or loans they have signed on as guarantors.
- Some 132,000 citizens have now been barred from the banking system because they can no longer balance their checkbooks.

People on fixed incomes cannot afford to pay for basic public utilities like phones and buses. The virtual elimination of telephone tokens and the introduction of the telecard discriminates against the indigent person who may have only enough change on hand to make one or two telephone calls.

We are on the brink of a homelessness epidemic, as soaring rental costs have priced many families out of the housing market.

Underemployment and large pockets of unemployment have impoverished isolated development towns, caravan villages and entire neighborhoods.

Although Israel has received \$10 billion in American loan guarantees for the express purpose of stimulating employment for half a million recent immigrants, very little has been allocated to the intended beneficiaries. Hundreds of job-training and job-creating projects that had expected to benefit from these loan guarantees have been left with little or no cash.

Rising levels of poverty have resulted in increasing reports of domestic strife, child brutality, divorce and teenage prostitution.

WHAT INITIATIVES could citizens take to counter these symptoms of rampant poverty? They could:

- Organize poverty awareness discussions in which experts and specialists raise local consciousness

newcomers negotiate their first steps in Israel.

• Open food and clothing distribution centers, where basics would be sold cheaply. Efforts in this area have been pioneered by groups such as Keren Klita.

• Pioneer "job banks" at locations such as caravan villages, connecting people to job opportunities and vocational education institutions.

• Pressure Knesset members to change laws that require guarantors for loans and mandate imprisonment of debtors.

• Pressure the government to use the loan guarantees to actually help new immigrants. According to the State Comptroller's 1995 report, not one dollar of the loan guarantees has been thus used.

Perhaps there is room for seminars on the subject of consumption, in which a critical look might be taken at lifestyles that invest resources in luxury items at a time when so many Israelis remain without the basics.

Citizens of this country face a choice: to ignore the growing underclasses of Israeli society, or to recognize it. Once we become aware of the dimensions of poverty, the options for activism are endless.

The writer is a veteran community social worker who directs Israel Resource, a media agency in Jerusalem.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



If you really love someone, here's a good way to show it: give her this 100 carat pear-shaped diamond, to be auctioned this month in Geneva. It's expected to fetch more than \$13 million. (AP)

POSTSCRIPTS

THE BEST advice in Prague is when you take a taxi, leave a nice tip. You may be shocked if you don't.

Some cabbies have electrically wired the upholstery of their cabs so that a push of a button will send a shock through the seat of a protesting passenger refusing to pay up.

Prague's cabbies, who are becoming known as the nastiest - if

not the highest paid - in the world, are reportedly employing a variety of tactics to rip off travelers.

Besides the persuasive hot seat and run-of-the-mill overcharging, rigging of meters and taking the long and winding way around, some drivers have installed a switch that makes the meters run faster when the cab rides over cobblestones.

Face of 50

DAVID MARGOLIS

TURNING 50? I thought that sort of thing only happened to other people. I should have seen it coming.

At 20 and 25, with good health, you feel invincible, capable of moving faster than a speeding bullet and staying up whole nights at a single bound.

But then comes 30, and you begin to feel the twinges.

At 40, your joints develop mouths, and sometimes get quite chatty. Now, at 50, let me tell you, they start to bite.

I'm being light-hearted here, but I am aware that soon the serious illnesses will come. Fears of cancer and heart disease already lurk in resident memory; my father had his first heart attack in his 50s.

I find myself noting now, with a combination of victory and dread, the ages of those whose deaths make the papers - and, of course, with an indignation that amounts to a reverse form of dread, the ages of those much younger than myself whom the world has granted excesses of fame and fortune.

Something else I have noticed with consternation that women in their 20s and 30s have changed their attitude toward me, treating me as if I am either mostly invisible - or, worse, a nice guy.

What is this? I'm not some body's kindly uncle, and I'm not a nice guy.

("Writers aren't nice people," Kafka told his journals. Neither are men of 50 looking at women of 25, Franz.)

ALL RIGHT, then - 50. What now?

When you're young, all activity is self-justifying. You experience things for the sake of experiencing them, doing a kind of pure research. You gather information for a larger project, knowing it will be useful, even if you don't yet know how - or even exactly what the project is.

Later you begin to notice that you realize that, as with career mail-in offers, supplies are limited.

Half a century. The landmark birthday. What now?

ed. Chastened by the years, I feel annoyed at myself for what I haven't accomplished.

Experience isn't everything. You still have to live with yourself in the here and now.

So I do the spreadsheet of my successes and failures. Many of both are hidden from others.

Passing 50, I see how little I've learned - but also that I have learned a thing or two after all - or maybe just relearned what I knew all along.

("We're right when we're 17, we just don't know it yet," poet Ezra Pound says somewhere.)

At 17 and 27, I riled indiscriminately against the dead phoniness of so much of public discourse. At 50, I know my enemies more intimately: I can tell the difference between real talent and the mealy self-promotion that aches it; I recognize the lying and opportunism that wears the mask of accomplishment.

Working as a journalist in particular has brought me face to face, no longer as a youth capable of being impressed or bullied, with the cold-eyed administrators who run so many public institutions, and the self-serving or visionless leaders of so many organizations - as well as with the true and often unrewarded goodness of many individuals.

As I continue the accounting of successes and failures, identifying the fears and riches that seem unavoidable companions to this "milestone" birthday, I want to mark what seems to me a small but permanent personal achievement.

Having learned over many years to value complexity and appreciate ambiguity, I am now finally able to recognize and resist any overly simple truth. Knowing how to see things two ways at once can be a burden sometimes, but it is also, like any freedom of the mind, a protection. If it doesn't keep me from occasionally being completely ridiculous, it preserves me from being totally sober.

And isn't that just about the right combination for celebrating the big Five-On?

The writer is a journalist and fiction writer living in Jerusalem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE AACI RECORD

Sir, - The article of June 7 by Batseva Tsur ("Agency comptroller: Western olim groups getting too much") suggests a certain tone which is not at all representative of the Jewish Agency comptroller's report of our association.

By linking us in the article to the misappropriation of moneys in other organizations, you have given an impression of mismanagement and misuse of funds. Within an 80-page report by the comptroller, there were a few comments on administrative weaknesses, but not a word about misuse of funds. As a matter of fact the report was in the main complimentary and favorable.

We welcome and have always welcomed constructive criticism and audits by outside sources in addition to the self-criticism and analysis we impose on ourselves. The few administrative changes recommended by the Jewish Agency are being implemented by us.

The money for the loan funds is in its entirety allocated from community Federation budgets or endowment funds and from community organizations, all in North America. None of the money is from the Jewish

Agency allocation. Each loan fund has community or organizational representation to approve the distribution of loans and the association reports regularly and directly to them. No irregularities have ever been found.

The question of centralization is truly a debate which perhaps has merit on both sides. With all due respect to a prevailing centralized organizational system in Israel, AACI developed differently, based on a North American model. We recognize the need to maintain control as a national organization and, since our inception in 1951, have striven to constantly evaluate and improve our systems. We are proud of our structure and its democratic basis and we are convinced that it is the branches and regions that give us the strength to do the work we are mandated to do and which we do well: the absorption and retention of North American olim.

GORDON SUGARMAN, President,
OLGA RACHMILEVITCH, Executive Director, AACI
Jerusalem.

CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

Sir, - I read with interest a book review on your features page of May 18 in which Churchill was mentioned (together with his photograph) as someone who suffered from stuttering. This is becoming a common misunderstanding.

Churchill did not stutter. His speech defect consisted in the inability to pronounce the letter "s", which he pronounced "sh" (so that "a Spanish sea gull" becomes "a Shpanish shea gull"). Except for oratorical effect, he spoke without hesitations.

Those of your readers who lived in England at the end of the Second World War will recall that it was not Churchill's speech on VE-Day that suffered from any kind of stuttering, but the speech of King George VI. Indeed, many schoolchildren at that time, like myself, somewhat cruelly listened to the King's victory broadcast in the hope of hearing him stutter. What we did not know was that the BBC recorded the royal speech in advance, and then edited out the stutter. Churchill's speech needed no such editing.

In my book *Churchill, A Life*, I tell the story of how, in 1905, when he was 30 years old, Churchill told his mother that his tongue was "restrained by a ligament that no one else has." He asked the distinguished British surgeon, Sir Felix Semon, to cut the ligament. But Semon refused to do so, with the result, Churchill told his mother, that "his tongue was still tied."

This proved no barrier to his speaking career!

MARTIN GILBERT

London.

MORAL BLACKMAIL

Sir, - If the Golan referendum were held prior to an Israel-Syrian agreement, Israelis could vote against it with good conscience. The world would blame Syria and Israeli stubbornness equally; as for Syria's attitude, nothing, or nothing much, would have changed.

But what if, as Foreign Minister Peres has announced, the referendum will be held after a Syrian-Israeli treaty is initiated or even signed? The whole world would praise Syria, but come down on Israeli "hostility to peace" like a ton of bricks. As for Syria, insulted because snubbed, it would certainly get into a warlike mood, and possibly even prepare for war. In those circumstances, can Israelis vote "no" with good conscience?

With the schedule for the referendum as proposed, the government is not giving its people a choice. It is subjecting them or the conscientious among them, to moral blackmail.

EMIL L. FACKENHEIM
Jerusalem.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE GOLAN

Sir, - In her article of June 5, "Let's define the debate," Susan Hattis Rofe says: "Yitzhak Rabin did not say he would oppose a withdrawal from the Golan, what he really said was that Israel's security required a continued presence on the Golan." Does the writer suggest in all seriousness that Rabin and Co. are negotiating a "continued presence on the Golan"?

The writer repeats Rabin's argument that it is actually all Begin's fault. He set a precedent. But if this government wants to go by Begin's precedent, what about getting the same parliamentary majority Begin had?

The writer, like Rabin, Peres etc., believes that Assad wants peace. Christopher says so. Yet all agree that Assad is waging war against us by proxy. What we do know is that Assad wants the Golan. If we don't give it to him, the writer warns, Assad may attack us as he did in 1973. Things have changed, Mrs. Rofe. Syria's sponsor is dead. Assad did not change, his tactics did. He needs the Golan to destroy our defensive capabilities and make us dance to his tune.

PETER G. ARTON
Ramat Gan.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sir, - It is refreshing to read in your June 16 issue the positive judgment of the Russian aliya and the historical truth contained in the concluding paragraph of former President Chaim Herzog's account of his recent trip throughout the former USSR - "The Russian Jewish immigration and its contribution to Israeli society must be seen as a miracle."

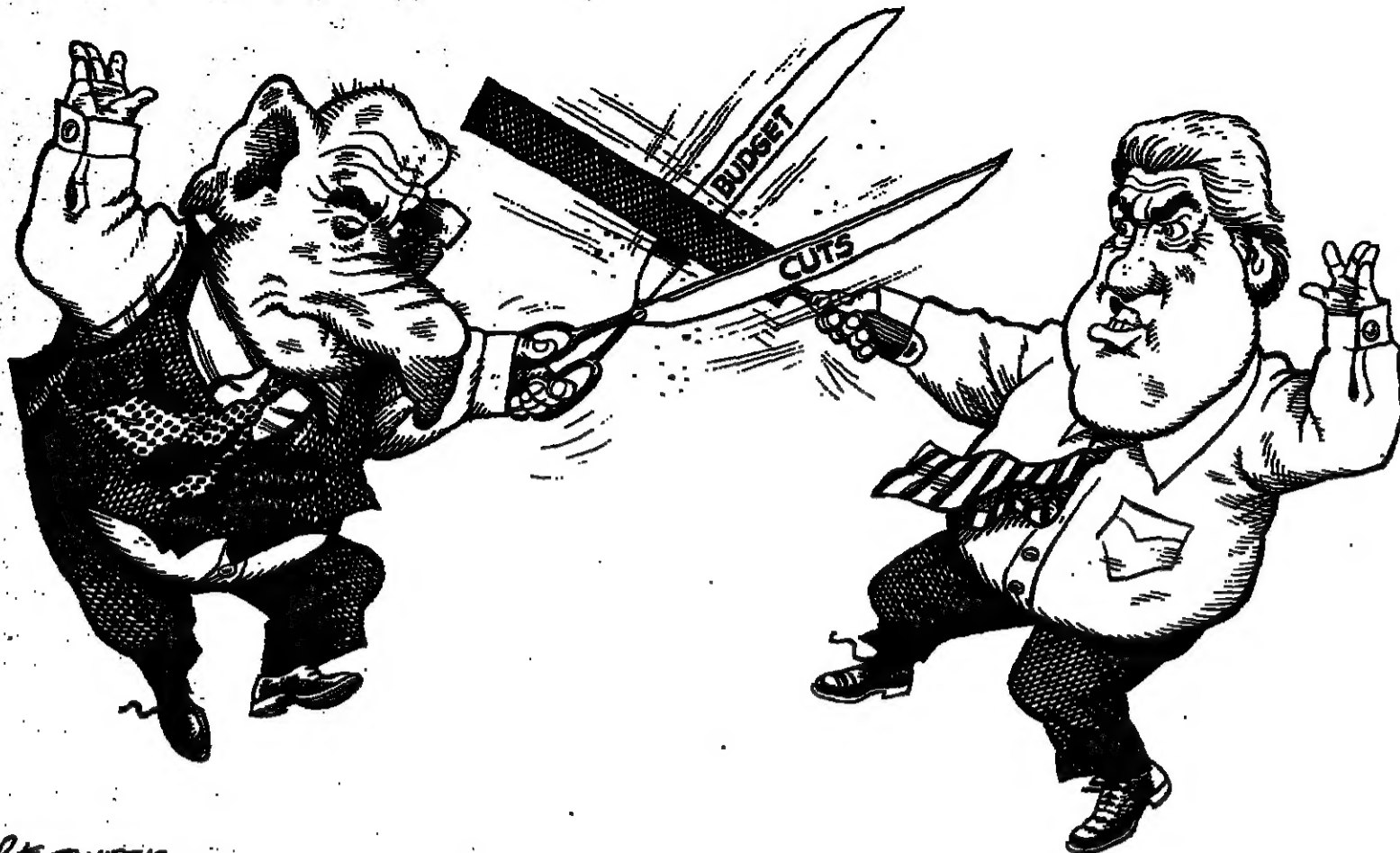
Praising the work of the emissaries in the field, he stresses his belief that the ablest people in our society should be handling immigration and absorption. Here in Jerusalem there is room too, simply for caring volunteers. We in Keren Klita greet immigrants with welcome visits and gift baskets, and we have for six years been offering a wide range of services to families and individuals in the fields of education, health care, social services and counseling, employment and vocational training.

These are ways in which all of us can play a part in the very special contribution this immigration is making to our society, and we hope that, moved by Chaim Herzog's article, many of your readers will volunteer to join us in our work.

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Budget flip

President Clinton riles powerful Dem

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Of all the congressional Democrats infuriated by President Clinton's switch on the budget, none marched the anger expressed in private by Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin — the hard-nosed senior Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee.

Obey issued a widely quoted sarcastic remark about Clinton's changing his mind and then declined further requests for interviews. But among aides and House colleagues, he expressed outrage that the president did not consult with or even warn him.

Obey was a dependable supporter of Clinton programs in 1993 and 1994. A footnote: On the morning after Clinton's switch, only two obscure Democrats — Rep. L.F. Payne of Virginia and freshman Rep. Mike Ward of Kentucky — made one-minute speeches in the House backing Clinton's budget. Normally after the president speaks, a long line of Democrats — including members of the leadership — takes the floor to applaud Clinton.

the Clinton encounter as "a pussy" and "a shaggy lap dog grateful for the privilege of being in his master's presence."

DOUBLE-AGENT CONSULTANT

Political consultant Dick Morris, credited with persuading Clinton to change course on his budget policy, is simultaneously advising a leading conservative Republican — Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott — on strategy to use against the Clinton administration. Clinton and Lott disagree on almost everything but not their admiration of Morris. The Connecticut-based strategist has

assault on the entertainment business. Bennett had sought to make the same points in a bipartisan way, joining prominent Democrat C. Delores Tucker in a television commercial critical of Hollywood. Bennett griped that Dole had "politicized" the issue, according to reports reaching the senator. A footnote: Sen. Phil Gramm, mending fences with the religious right in his campaign for the Republican nomination, in a private meeting offered key social conservatives virtual veto power over appointments important to them if he is elected president.

WHY KIRKLAND QUIT

Lane

Kirkland was talked into resigning as president of the AFL-CIO on the premise that his lieutenant and close friend, AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Donahue, would succeed him. But Kirkland quit too late for that to happen. Kirkland could have assured a Donahue succession had he resigned a few weeks ago. He finally did when faced with the reality that John Sweeney of the Service Employees Union had earned



BUCHANAN'S ADVICE

If House Speaker Newt Gingrich came across as too chummy for the taste of Republican conservatives when he appeared with Clinton in New Hampshire, partial blame can be laid on GOP pit bull Pat Buchanan. During his New Hampshire visit, Gingrich bumped into Buchanan, campaigning for president in the key primary election state. The speaker asked Buchanan, political aide for Presidents Nixon and Reagan, whether he had last-minute advice for handling Clinton. "Be gracious," counseled Buchanan. Buchanan's aides later said that in being gracious, it was not necessary to blur differences between the two parties. The influential Manchester Union-Leader, whose endorsement Buchanan seeks, referred to Gingrich following

guided successful campaigns for Clinton in Arkansas and Lott in Mississippi. Aides to Clinton and Lott are equally unhappy about Morris' influence on their chiefs. Morris entered politics two decades ago in New York's reform Democratic movement as a fiery Manhattan liberal. But he later became a Republican and recently has concentrated on GOP clients, until his reappearance a few weeks ago as a Clinton adviser.

DOLE'S IRRITATION

Dole's attack on Hollywood sex and violence, instead of bringing him closer to social conservative William Bennett, may have damaged chances for a Dole-Bennett national ticket. Dole was irritated when word got back to him that Bennett had complained privately about Dole's

pledges from 60 percent of the AFL-CIO's vote. Kirkland quit in hopes that both he and Sweeney would step aside in favor of Donahue, but the momentum behind Sweeney was too strong for such an outcome.

Donahue, highly respected but low-profile, has worked mainly behind the scenes at AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington. Friends tell him he must launch a public relations effort or lose the election in October. Sweeney is being portrayed as the candidate of change and was described that way in a flattering Wall Street Journal article.

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Criminal lawyers must not become criminals

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

The arrest of several prominent "drug lawyers" in Miami — three of them former prosecutors — has sounded an alarm bell within the legal profession. Among those indicted was Michael Abbel, who, before becoming a defense lawyer, had been a high-ranking drug prosecutor in the Reagan Justice Department. The charges against the lawyers include securing bail for defendants whom the lawyers knew would flee, paying "hush money" and communicating threats to potential witnesses, and helping the drug dealers launder their ill-gotten gains.

Simply put, the prosecution has charged these lawyers with stepping over the line between being legal advocates for accused drug dealers and becoming "consigliere" to the drug cartels. The "white-powder lawyers" — as the Miami drug bar is referred to — have become white-powder conspirators, according to prosecutors.

There can be no dispute that a license to practice law is not a license to get in bed with one's criminal clients. Criminals are not entitled to legal advice about how to commit their crimes more profitably; nor are they entitled to legal assistance in effectuating their criminal goals. This is as true for the white-powder bar as it is for the white-collar bar. But defendants who are accused of crime are most definitely entitled to a zealous defense against all accusations. The line between proper legal defense and improper participation in a drug conspiracy, while clear in principle, is not always easy to define. Prosecutors often apply the test that the late Justice Potter Stewart applied to hard-core pornography, that he may not be able to define it, "but I know it when I see it." In this case, Miami prosecutors claim they have seen the indicted lawyers cross the line.

We will know whether the prosecutors are correct or not only after all the evidence is in. In the meantime, the presumption of innocence continues to cloak the indicted lawyers.

Whether or not these particular lawyers turn out to have crossed the line, there is cause for concern in some of the charges brought against them, in some of the rhetoric employed by the prosecutors, and in the vagueness of some of the lines. For example, among the charges in the indictment is that a lawyer who knows that his client is planning to flee and who makes an application for bail thereby commits a crime. That is an extremely complicated issue. Presumably the lawyer learned of his client's intention to flee in the course of a confidential discussion between lawyer and client.

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It is clear that the lawyer could not then allow his client to swear that he was not planning to flee. Such testimony would be perjury. Nor could the lawyer represent to the court that he believed his client would show up for trial. But what if the lawyer merely argues that the law requires his client's release? Or that the prosecution had not satisfied its burden of proving that his client is a flight risk? How is that different from a lawyer who knows his client is guilty, and may do it again, arguing that the state has not proved his client's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt? Whatever some people might think about the morality of a lawyer arguing for his client's release when he knows — or suspects — that he might flee, surely this should not be a crime, at least in the absence of a clear statute prohibiting such advocacy.

Some law enforcement officials seem to feel that alleged drug dealers are not even entitled to lawful representation. Peter Bensinger, a former official with Drug Enforcement Agency, put it this way: "The defense bar is saying that they're as pure as the driven snow. This is a life-and-death deal. People are dying. This is not acceptable. This is outrageous." People are also dying from murder, auto accidents, gun violations and many other crimes. This sad reality does not make it "outrageous" for defense lawyers to engage in zealous advocacy, so long as it is legal and ethical.

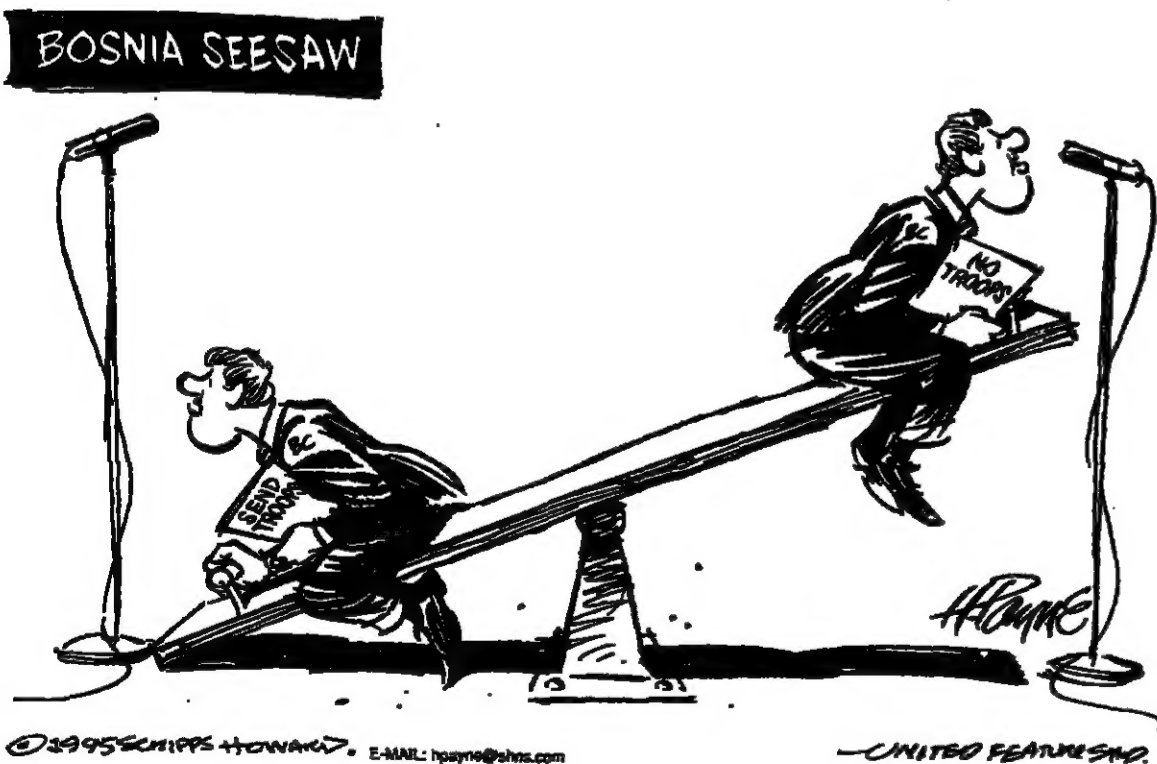
It is imperative that the law maintain a bright line between what sort of advocacy is lawful and what is criminal. The decision to prosecute criminal defense lawyers should not be left to the discretion of their legal adversaries, the prosecutors.

The Miami case should be a wake-up call to all lawyers. The lines must be made clear, both to protect the lawyers and to protect the public. There is no more noble, if misunderstood, profession than that of the criminal defense lawyer. There is no more ignoble role than that of the criminal lawyer who crosses the line and becomes a criminal. To confuse the two is to endanger the right to counsel for all Americans.

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



JOYCE

Newt drops cherry bombs

BY RICHARD STENGEL

Newt Gingrich claims to be anti-crime, yet he spent a recent weekend in New Hampshire ogling the state's most violent murderers. "I came here to look at moose," Gingrich said over and over again, waving a fiendishly cute moose doll. But, according to the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game, moose have killed nearly 250 New Hampshire drivers over the last decade when their cars plowed into these unregenerate animals, many of whom are still at large. While Newt cozied up to a rather ratty stuffed moose at a fancy political breakfast at Keene State College, a New Hampshire state trooper took me aside and related the killer's modus operandi. "They weigh as much as 1,500 pounds," he said grimly. "They're so high off the ground that the car cuts off their legs and the body goes right through the windshield."

New Hampshire does not seem like a natural habitat for the speaker. With his pasty pallor, he is an "indoorsy" kind of guy. Pudgier than one imagines, he looks like a Botox sculpture of himself. On his Sunday morning moose-walk in the White Mountain National Forest, he traded in his gray suit for a too-tight pair of Levis (waist: 40; length: 30, according to the leather tag on the back) and a plaid short-sleeved shirt (all it lacked was a plastic pen holder; but what the heck, it is the age of geek-cool). He then led a mechanized army of reporters along the swiftly flowing Androscoggin River, not so much marching as waddling. Accompanied by press secretary Tony Blankley, who was the very image of an English country squire in green Wellingtons, a riding cap and a walking stick, Newt good-naturedly ordered reporters not to slam their car doors for fear of scaring away the largest and least graceful member of the deer family.

The locals who came out to see Newt ranged from those who live in trailer parks to tuxedo-clad lawyers who attended a Sunday night Republican fund-raiser, hosted by Rep. Sonny Bono. ("I related to the speaker through show business," Mr. Bono noted. "Because

he's the biggest star of all.") Newt is not an instinctive flesh-presser. When shaking hands and making small talk, he often seems as though he'd rather be conducting a seminar. Smiling sometimes looks like an unnatural act for the speaker. In his speeches, he often comes across like the small hardware store owner who forces a manic grin at the end of his own 30-second commercial.

The weekend offered many examples of Newt's love-hate affair with the press. He excoriates "the elite liberal media establishment" — a compound phrase of four words that his polling long ago showed had pejorative connotations with voters. On the other hand, he clearly loves the attention. During the weekend, he had so many press availabilities that one reporter muttered, "What did he do this time, go to the john?" At one point, Rep. Bill Lefz presented Newt with a bumper sticker that read, "I brake for moose." Surrounded by reporters, Gingrich quipped, "I brake for press."

GUN CONTROL

Although Newt was on his best behavior over the weekend, he's a mischievous fellow and could not resist tossing a few rhetorical cherry bombs. At a family picnic on Saturday at Nashua Fish and Game, a local club with indoor and outdoor shooting ranges, Newt arrived rock-star-like by helicopter and gave a blood-and-guts speech about gun control. Surrounded by cheering New Hampshireites, Newt fired away:

"The elite media equates violence and the right to buy arms. But the most famous murder trial in America is about a knife. Willie Horton used a knife. Recently at Harvard, a female student used a knife to kill her roommate. The New York Times will not run an editorial calling for the banning of knives." But Newt was just warming up. "The Second Amendment," he barked, "is not about duck-hunting. I worked very hard to keep a straight face during the State of the Union when the president talked about duck-hunting. Gun control is punishing law-abiding citizens in their constitutional rights. The difference between Poland and Afghanistan is the right to bear

arms. Had Germany had the right to bear arms there might have been no Holocaust."

In support of this argument, Newt nodded at a rather intense fellow standing beside him in a black suit. Newt had met him only moments before when he handed the speaker a tract called "Lethal Laws: 'Gun Control' Is the Key to Genocide." The gentleman was a director of a Milwaukee-based organization called Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. After Newt had finished, the fellow, in rapid-fire fashion, cited chapter and verse as to why God wants us to be armed. "In the Talmud Tractate B'rachos (Blessings in English)," he said, "Page 58a and 62b, there is the following injunction: 'And the Torah says, 'If someone comes to kill you, arise quickly and kill him.'"

At a charity hoedown at an Equine Center in Goffstown, Newt was scheduled to make his entrance by wandering down a hill. Behind a yellow rope, a phalanx of press and camera crews waited. But, instead of the speaker, Pat Buchanan sauntered down resplendent in black cowboy boots, black studded cowboy hat and a denim shirt fringed with leather. He was still overshadowed by Newt. Later, inside the barn, six middle-aged New Hampshireites in cowboy regalia did a two-step that they named the Newt Scoot, while the speaker looked on benignly. The emcee advised the audience, "All the steps go to the right."

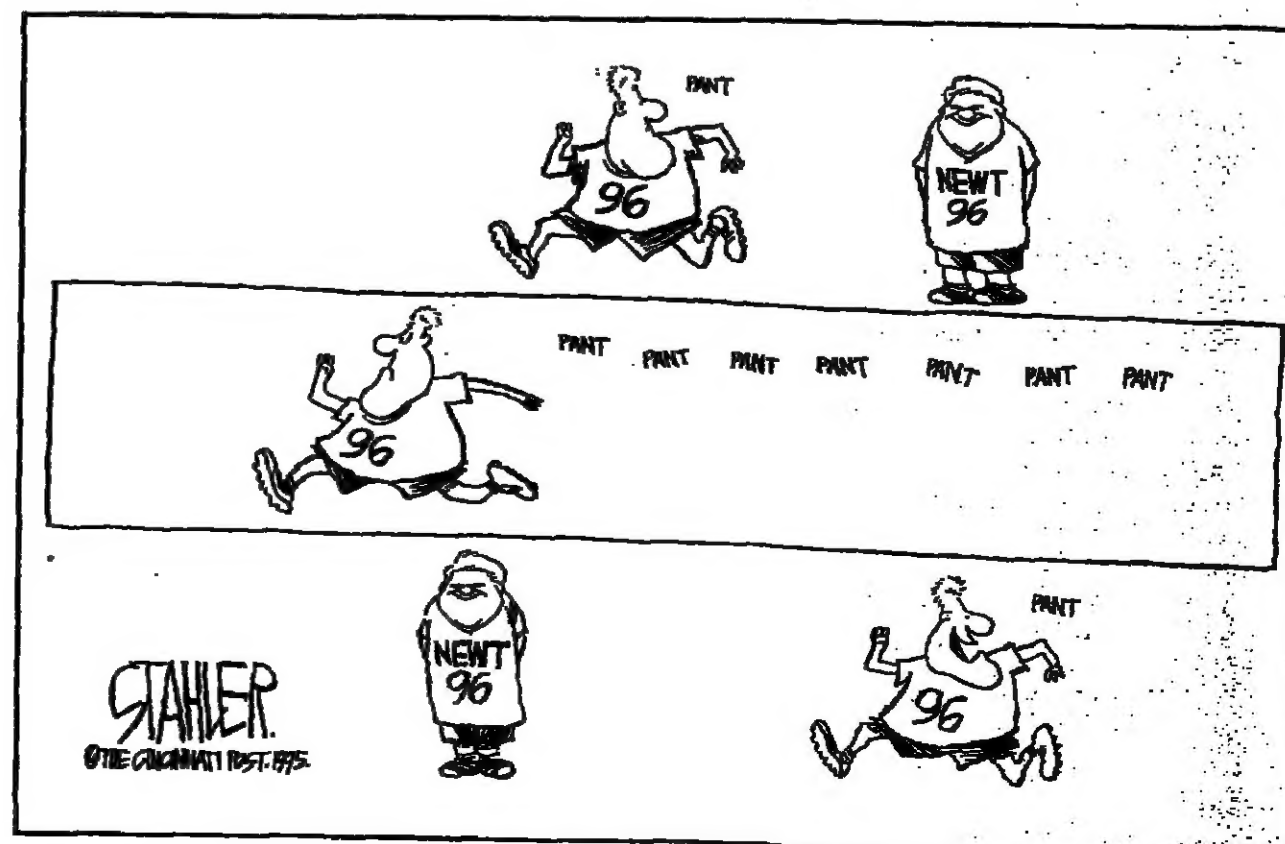
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SUNDAY COMICS

Doonesbury

BY G.B. TRUDEAU

AS YOU THINK THE PARTY'S OVER, THE DOOR OPENS AND THE PARTY STARTS.

NO-ONE'S HERE. WHY?

I HUNG. I'M NOT GETTING ANY MORE. MY LAST BEER. I'M GOING TO SLEEP.

AND ALL THE GOOD PEOPLE ARE HERE. IT'S REALLY WONDERFUL.

WELL, LOOK. YOU'RE GETTING ON YOUR FEET.

OH, NO. DO YOU REALLY THINK SO? THAT WOULD BE A GREAT DAY FOR ME.

OR, NO. DO YOU REALLY THINK SO? THAT WOULD BE A GREAT DAY FOR ME.

OF ONE DAY, YOU'LL BE A GREAT DAY FOR ME.

LET IT GO. LET IT GO.

PEANUTS

by SCHULZ

SEE? YOU TWIRL THE ROPE AROUND, AND YOU JUMP UP AND DOWN.

WHY WOULD I WANT TO DO THAT?

BECAUSE IT'S FUN! IT'S DOING SOMETHING.

WHY DO I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING?

I DON'T LIKE TO DO ANYTHING... I JUST LIKE TO HANG AROUND.

YOU CAN'T JUST HANG AROUND...

THAT'S NO WAY TO LIVE! YOU'RE GOING TO WASTE YOUR WHOLE LIFE!

DON'T LOOK AT ME... I'M JUST HANGING AROUND.

Star Trek

By ARTHUR

THE USUAL? YES.

ONE BEER AND A COLE SLIPPER.

DO YOU HAVE IT CUTE AND A STAMPER?

AND YOU HAVE A LARGE COLLECTION OF FISHING LURES AND A STUFFED WEASEL.

BYE.

Calvin and Hobbes

DING DONG. I'M COMING.

I OPENED THE DOOR AND MY BIKE GOT IN! HELLO?

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! IT'S AN UNBALANCED BICYCLE!

SOMEONE GET ME A SPOKE WRENCH!

BACK! BACK!

SLAM

HA! YOU CAN'T GET ME NOW!

NIE! TIRE TRACKS ON THE RUGS! OIL ON THE COUCH!

WHERE'S THAT KID?

SOMEONE THE NEIGHBORS WILL LOOK OUT AND WONDER WHY THERE'S A GROWN MAN WEARING KIDS' CLOTHES ON OUR ROOF.

JOHNNY HART

WHY IS THERE GOOD AND BAD, DAD?

SO THERE CAN BE BAD AND GOOD.

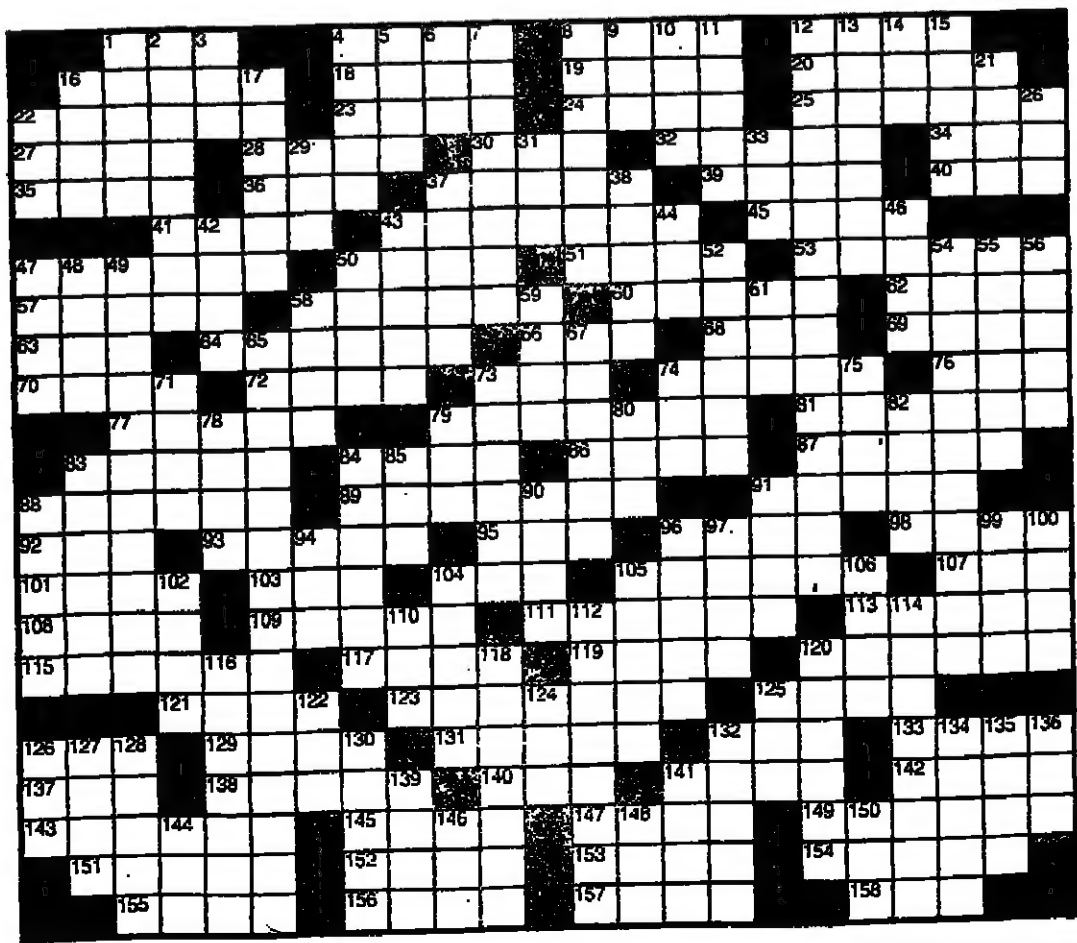
I AM HUMBLE, FAIR, OPEN-MINDED, UPSTANDING, VIRTUOUS, JUST, AND UNBIASED. IF YOU MET ME YOU WOULD LIKE ME.

— PETER

I DON'T KNOW, PETE... YOU GOT ALL THAT BLATHER.

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- do you do?
 - 4-letter word
 - Singer Billy
 - Black-and-blue
 - Small
 - lingerie
 - Small drum
 - Go back on a promise
 - Presidential prerogative
 - Turned right
 - vegetable or mineral?
 - Unique thing
 - Demeanor
 - humbug!
 - Like a ball
 - East-western
 - Dramatic personae
 - Corn cob
 - "R.U.R." playwright
 - Nothing in Malaga
 - 41 — Bator, Mongolia
 - Full of life
 - in the company of
 - Synthetic fiber
 - Stalemate
 - Forest creature
 - Knitter's tool
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 - Broadcast or lunch
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 - Spain and Portugal
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 - Insipid stage
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 - Nicknames
 - 81 Saudi
- DOWN**
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 - Lively dance
 - Simple
 - Indian tent
 - Supress
 - Opposed to
 - Singy person
 - Under the weather
 - Trolley sound
 - Asian holiday
 - Black-and-white cookie
 - Run
 - French composer
 - Cries of pain
 - Not many
 - Pleasantly odd
 - Koppel or Turner
 - Hurry-up acronym
 - Plant life
 - Confined inward
 - "Aida" or "Carmen"
 - Body of running water
 - Crumbley soil
 - Deserve
 - Johnny —
 - Bator, Mongolia
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Endangered Species Act is just tip of the iceberg

BY HANNA ROSIN

To get an idea of what's in store for the Endangered Species Act, pay a visit to Rep. Don Young of Alaska, chairman of the House Committee on Resources. After 20 years in the outback, Young is finally in charge. In his new world, the beasts have to fend for themselves, few wetlands are meant to stay wet and not all water can be clean. And if Uncle Sam is going to regulate land, he has to pay the landowner.

Young, a former steamboat captain, voted for the Endangered Species Act in 1973, but he now says it's been abused. "We had envisioned trying to protect, you know, pigeons and things like that," he told the Bureau of National Affairs Daily Environmental Report in December. "We never thought about mussels and ferns and flowers and all these... subspecies of squirrels and birds."

To set about the task of dismantling the act, Young rounded up a stable of loyalists to back him. First, he appointed the less-than-objective California Rep. Richard Pombo, a former rancher, to head an Endangered Species Act task force. In so doing, he circumvented the subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, which is currently headed by an environmental sympathizer, Jim Saxton of New Jersey. Then, he directed Pombo to hold field hearings in rural Western counties, to sound out "real people" who deal daily with the effects of the act. Nor surprisingly, Pombo and his cronies tightly controlled the list of witnesses. Endangered Species Act supporters who slipped through the radar were sandbagged by task force members.

In the end, Pombo and Young ended up where they started. The choreographed hearings confirmed their suspicions that the act needs a "fundamental change," as Pombo put it, in the direction of "voluntary conservation." Pombo is right-lipped about exactly what that means. He does, however, point to Arizona freshman Republican John Shadegg, one of the House's most zealous property rights advocates. Shadegg hasn't written a bill, but in a recent statement he adopted, verbatim, a statement of principle issued by a coalition of property rights groups. The statement calls for making federal conservation efforts voluntary, encouraging "private propagation," or breeding species outside their habitats (in zoos, for example, or fish hatcheries) and allowing states to pass their own laws.

Shadegg's — and perhaps eventually the House's — proposed evisceration of the Endangered Species Act has the remarkable effect of making the only existing reform proposal, sponsored by Republican Sen. Slade Gorton, seem moderate. In fact, Gorton's bill,

which he admits was written with the help of timber lobbyists, also pretty much undoes the act. Its trick is to redefine destruction of a species as "direct harm," such as shooting, rather than as habitat destruction, as is now the case. It abandons the standard goal of preventing extinctions, and instead enables the Secretary of the Interior to set more modest conservation targets, which, like Shadegg's plan, can include conservation in zoos. To put pressure on the secretary, the bill allows his decisions to be challenged before they are final. About Gorton's bill, the usually diplomatic Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt recently told The New York Times. "It can be summed up in seven words: it will repeal the Endangered Species Act."

But the Endangered Species Act is just the tip of the iceberg. House Republicans have also written a new version of the Clean Water Act, which loosens many restrictions on industries and cities. The act is widely considered perhaps

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the greatest environmental success: In 25 years, it has more than doubled the portion of U.S. waters considered safe for fishing and swimming, with minimal complaint from industries. The House bill, written by Rep. Bud Shuster, dismantles many of the regulations and replaces them with cash incentives for industries to develop conservation plans, which even the normally supportive Wall Street Journal called "pork." In his defense, Shuster wrote an op-ed in The Washington Post pointing to what he called a "supportive" letter from the National Governors' Association. In fact, only half of the letter is supportive. In the other half, the governors express "continuing concerns over several provisions of the bill, especially wetlands." The bill exempts more than half of the nation's wetlands from protection, and classifies the rest by their importance. Shuster also fails to mention the governors' opposition to an amendment, added after their letter was written, which strips states of their right to veto federal licenses which do not meet state standards.

If any birds or wetlands still fall under the proposed laws, the federal government will have to pay landowners if it wants to protect them.

Known as "takings" legislation, the bills reinterpret the Fifth Amendment so that the government would have to compensate property owners not just when it physically takes possession of a piece of property for a road or school, but whenever a regulation lowers a property's value. Both the House and Senate bills hide nuggets which go beyond the property rights movement's wildest dreams. The House bill requires compensation for "any portion" of property reduced by 20 percent. That one phrase defies decades of Supreme Court rulings, which have always considered land as a parcel. Under the House bill, if the value of one acre in a 100-acre property is reduced by 20 percent, the landowner is owed compensation.

The Senate bill sneaks in an even more radical provision. It requires federal agency heads, "in enforcing the act, to comply with state laws." The provision seems merely to demand that federal agents respect, say, state trespassing laws. In fact, though, it is a boon to the burgeoning western county supremacy movement, whose legislative strategies are now being challenged by the Justice Department. The phrase is lifted directly from the Canon County ordinances, passed by about 100 western counties, which encourage county officials to ignore federal laws. They have been used mainly to allow county sheriffs to seize federal lands and flout federal grazing rules.

Fortunately, some moderate Republicans have broken ranks over the proposals. Rep. Wayne Gilchrest threatened to quit the ESA Task Force, accusing Pombo of "using a sledgehammer to kill an ant." Thirty-five moderate Republicans voted against Shuster's bill. And the House bills all have to make it past John Chafee, the moderate chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. The plans have even prompted House Speaker Newt Gingrich to pull back on the reins. At the final hearing of the task force, he quoted Teddy Roosevelt, and sent Young a warning: "I am very committed to having a strong and effective environmental policy.... If we of this generation destroy resources... we deprive coming generations.... The truth is we've only scratched the surface. This is about the fungi and the various things that produce the medicine of the future." That will teach Young to go trampling on ferns.

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Capitalist tool

BY RUTH SHALIT

Supply-side conservatives are supposed to represent the sunny side of the Reagan revolution; but in April, as the Republican presidential field swelled to nine candidates, the econometric wing of the party seemed a gloomy bunch indeed.

Then, one day, consultant Jude Wanniski had an idea. Lurking in the wings, Wanniski suddenly realized, was his chum Malcolm S. ("Steve") Forbes Jr., the bespectacled billionaire publisher who had helped craft New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman's tax cuts. Could the committed supply-sider be urged to plow his own money, a la Perot, into a long shot bid for the Republican nomination? Wanniski thought so.

Though initially reluctant, Forbes was soon overcome by the significance of the task ahead. "Steve acknowledged that yes, he could be president," says Wanniski. Word was leaked to conservative stenographer Robert Novak, who on May 25 breathlessly chronicled Forbes' protests; the Reagan's arguments; and the mogul's final, unconvinced submission to their wishes. And the campaign was off.

Well, sort of. Ever since the Novak column, the Forbesian faithful have been waiting devotedly for the magnate to spell out his precise intentions. This he seems reluctant to do. "I am flattered and honored," he told the Phillips Media Newsletter on June 1. "But I have no plans to run." On June 3, he seemed to suggest that Wanniski & Co. were using him as a vessel for their own frustrated ambitions.

When I spoke with Forbes recently, he quickly dispelled the notion that his dark-horse candidacy existed only in the minds of his chatty advisers. "When enough people ask you to give it serious consideration, you have to give it serious consideration," he told me. "I'm taking a hard-nosed look at it. I'd have to (announce) by the fall. I have to think: Would I have the possibility of doing more good there than, say...?" Forbes' voice trails off dejectedly: "... working with the folks at Empower America?" More than before, Forbes seems inclined to take the plunge into the presidential abyss.

Forbes styles himself as the presidential equivalent of a corporate troubleshooter, a "Perot with issues" for a nation fed up with the Beltway elite. He's an economist, not a moralist.

Freed from his hordes of gurus, Forbes presents himself more or less as he is — an affable capitalist optimist, in the mold of Kemp or Reagan. And it's a refreshing change from the moralizing dourness of the rest of the GOP field. There's even a kind of crazed nobility to Forbes' dewy-eyed Reaganomics in a budget-balancing era. "If tax rates are inhibiting economic progress, lower them," he cries. "It'll create wealth, even if it costs the government money in the short term." True, his economic determinism can be hard to swallow. The Bosnia mess? "There were policy prescriptions, made by the IMF, that helped fuel wild inflation.... And the tax system! Just chaotic!" His Balkan solution? "Overhaul the IMF. They're handing out bad medicine. It's economic malpractice."

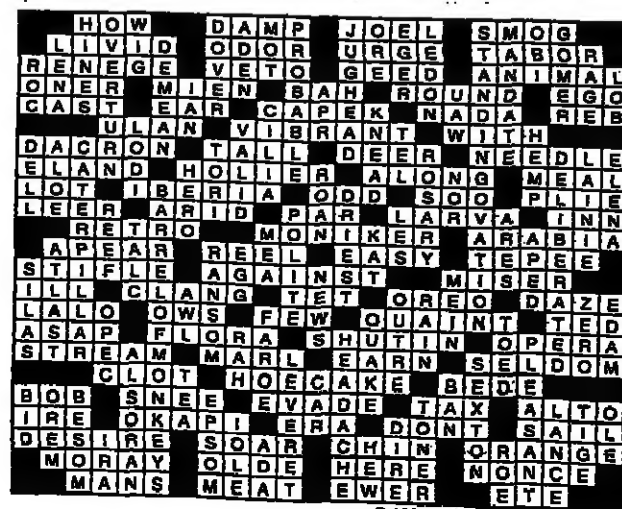
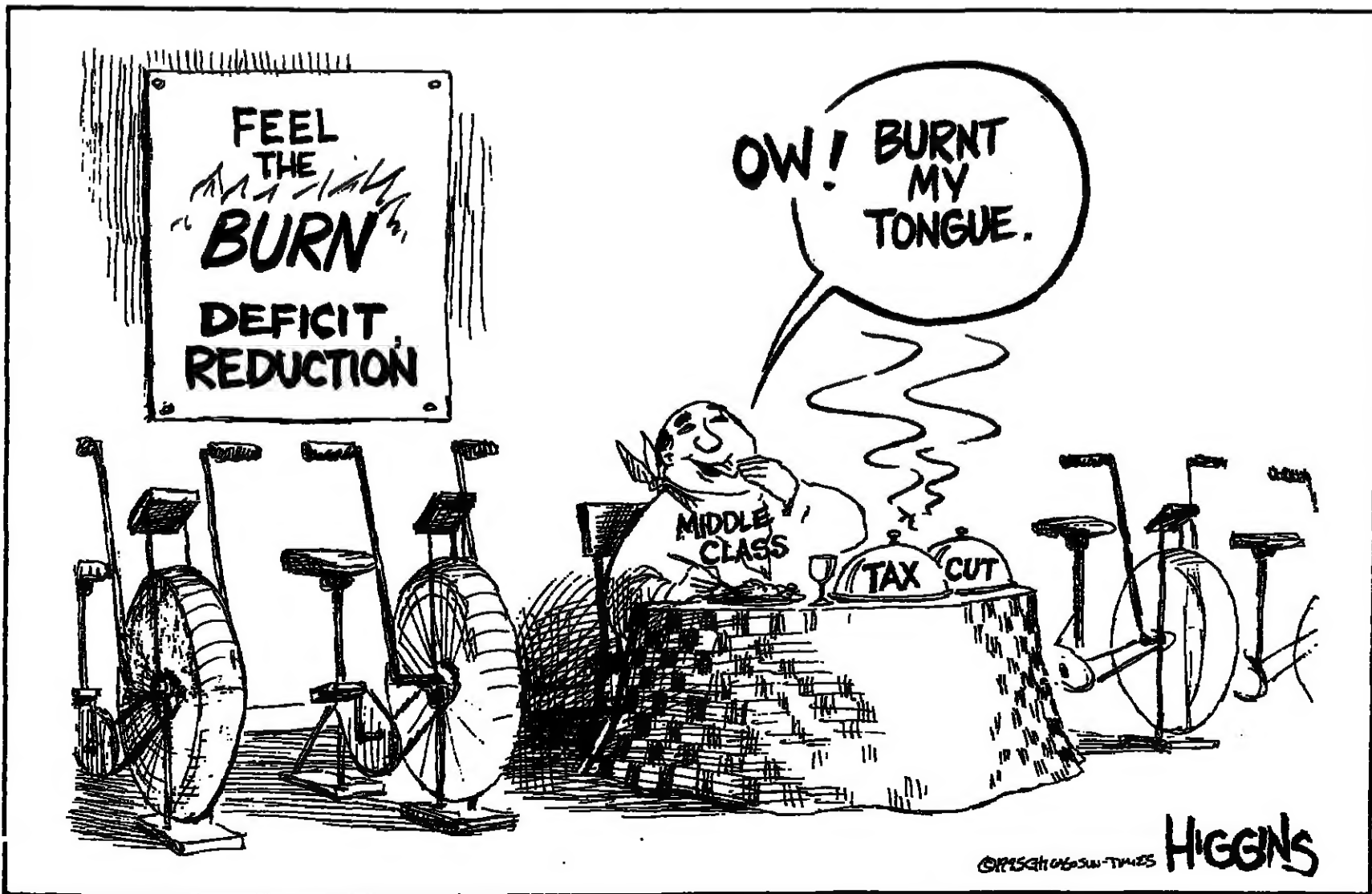
But taken as a whole, his gung-ho '80s Republicanism is a welcome affront to '90s GOP world-weariness. The IQ debate, he maintains, is "Malthusian nonsense." In a laptops-to-the-poor leap of faith, he extols the redemptive potential of technology. Any kid who can play a video game "will survive and thrive in the high-tech age.... We can do math computations within seconds that a few years ago would have taken math whizzes days a few years ago. And that's just one sign of the uplift that's going to come." On social issues — abortion, TV violence, gays in the military — Forbes is cheerily laissez-faire. "You have to take a live-and-let-live attitude," he says. "Let's let the rabbi preach. They have more resonance than the politicians on these matters."

For all these virtues, many of Forbes' conservative acquaintances privately regard his candidacy as hopeless. Though Forbes is involved in politics, as co-chair of the conservative advocacy group Empower America and as an unpaid adviser to Christie Whitman, he has never sought high office himself. And there's no detectable groundswell for a Princeton-educated plutocrat. "He'll have to endure months and months of everyone dismissing him, saying he's a dilettante, saying he's Huffington redux," frets one prominent conservative who met with Forbes last week. Referring to the sybaritic clan of Forbes pere, he adds: "He's going to have the sins of the father visited on him. He's an aristocrat. He's got money and standing. And he's from New York. You know what that means."

Alas, even Forbes' supporters among the horsey set may desert him in the end. "There is a lot of frustration welling up among Republicans who see the possibility of actually losing to Clinton and can't bring themselves to believe that possibility," says John Whitman, who, along with his wife Christie, occupies the large, sprawling New Jersey estate nestled right next to Forbes'. "Steve honestly believes the current candidates are just skirting the main issues facing America. And I'd have to agree with him on that." Just what are these burning issues? Whitman demurs. "Do you know who my wife is?" he asks. In other words, there's another silver-spooned, tax-cutting stealth candidate waiting in the wings. The difference is, she could actually win.

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The portrait of an artist who focuses on photos of people

DAVID BRAUNER
ON CAMERA

IN a 1985 interview with Lord Snowdon, I asked how his portrait session with prime minister Shimon Peres had gone that morning.

His answer was curt: "He's a very charming man, but I never discuss a sitting."

Not every renowned photographer is as unforthcoming as Snowdon. Canada's Yousuf Karsh also had a photographic encounter with a prime minister, which he has documented in some detail. It was in 1941, and Winston Churchill had just lit a cigar.

"I held out an ashtray," writes Karsh, "but he continued to chomp vigorously at his cigar. I waited. Then, without thinking, I stepped toward him and plucked it out of his mouth. By the time I got to my camera, he looked so belligerent he could have devoured me. It was at that instant that I took the photograph."

Karsh's glowering Churchill became the symbol of wartime Britain, and one of the most famous images in the history of portraiture.

One does not necessarily have to be well known to be a portrait artist. An amateur photographer in England told me that he wrote to famous people asking if they would sit for him. Surprisingly, he received many positive responses, although some of his subjects had such full diaries that it took a year to make the appointment. My acquaintance reported that his sitters often offered him money for his prints.

Portraiture is the most challenging and nerve-racking, but also the most interesting and rewarding, of all the photographic arts.

It is a truism that portraits often say as much about the photographer as they do about the subject. A portrait can be anything a photographer makes of it — a formal head and shoulders, an expressive close-up face, a mysterious silhouette, or a full-body form.

AS TO what makes an exciting portrait, Karsh's dictum stands: "There is a brief moment when all there is in a man's mind and soul and spirit is reflected through his eyes, his hands, his attitude. This is the moment of record. This is the elusive 'moment of truth.'"

To do portraits, one must first be a good photographer. Then remember what theatrical photographer Angus McBean said many years ago: "You have at your mercy that tender thing — a human being — with a lot of light turned on its most tender point, its personal appearance... Do everything to make them feel unselfconscious. Make little flattering noises... Joke, make them laugh."

To relax people before the camera is not easy. In fact, it's an art; but experience and self-confidence help.

Even if your subject is someone you know well, the moment you show up with a camera, there is strain on the relationship. Before beginning the shoot, spend some time getting ac-



Portraiture is the most nerve-racking, but most interesting, of the photographic arts; this portrait of Kes Rafael Tekva Hadane of the Ethiopian community was taken indoors with available light. (David Brauner)

quainted with your subject as a subject. While talking, study facial expressions, characteristic smiles and winks, and gestures of the hands.

Portrait-making is always easier when the subject is occupied. Young or old, people who are busy at some hobby or occupation, or talking animatedly to someone other than the photographer, make lively portraits.

Artificial lighting, in other words "flash," is the surest way to an uninteresting likeness. Indoors, bring in as much natural light as possible and

place the subject near a window. Use a fast 400 ASA/ISO film to allow more latitude with speed and aperture. Outside, the soft, even light of open shade or an overcast sky is ideal for portraits.

Viewpoint, or camera angle, can drastically alter a portrait's impact. Normal eye level is the least risky, but boring. However, photographing from too low an angle can exaggerate chins and noses, and from too high will enlarge heads and foreshorten bodies.

A short 85-135 mm. telephoto lens is

excellent for portraiture. Such relatively small lenses do not intimidate sitters or distort features, and they remove the camera to a comfortable distance.

Take care when photographing people with glasses that reflections do not block out the subject's eyes. Hats can add much interest to a face but, again, beware of the eyes falling into deep shade.

Last but not least, focus on the eyes, and always shoot to make your subject look his or her best.

The squabbling over scribbling: Old manuscripts

THERE AND THEN
SRAJA SHAPIRO

WHAT could possibly be more placid than photographing ancient Hebrew manuscripts?

But the diaries kept by Prof. Nehemia Aloni during the 13 years he headed the Institute of Ancient Manuscripts in Jerusalem record an unending squabble.

He fought over his assistants, his budget and the respect he claimed was due to him from the state's representatives, both at home and abroad. He expected appreciation from fellow scientists.

The diaries have been published by Aloni's widow at Reuven Mass (420 pp.).

David Ben-Gurion had the idea of securing copies of the most important Hebrew manuscripts and keeping them in a central location in Jerusalem. In November 1950, while taking a vacation in Tibberias, Ben-Gurion squeezed from Eliezer Kaplan, then minister of finance, a promise to allot 50,000 lirot for the project.

Ben-Gurion also set up a ministerial committee to supervise the institute, and served as its head.

The minister of education and culture, Zalman Shazar, and the minister of religious affairs, Rabbi Yehuda Maimon, also served on the committee, but the rabbi resigned when Prof. Simcha Assaf of the Hebrew University was added to the panel.

Shazar informed Aloni that he had been chosen as an emissary to travel Europe and obtain the necessary manuscript copies. He was also told there would be another man on the staff of the institute, making it unclear who would be the boss.

Aloni appealed to Shazar, who raged over having to deal with such a question. Ever since he assumed ministerial office, Shazar said, he had heard nothing but squabbles about status. At *Davar*, the daily he had edited, Shazar said, the question of rank never arose. "We all worked together in a friendly way."

Other crucial problems arose: In which government department would the new institute be housed, and where? Weeks passed without a decision until a chance meeting with an old acquaintance in Ben-Gurion's entourage prompted a formal assignment.

Aloni told Ben-Gurion that he estimated there were 50,000 Hebrew manuscripts in Europe that possibly should be copied. To retrieve or just go over them would take 10 to 20 years, depending on available resources.

Ben-Gurion pledged his support. On Ben-Gurion's desk, Aloni noted, were only two books: the Bible and a biblical concordance. "No trace of his alleged Hellenism."

Aloni's first expedition began in Rome in October 1951 — nearly a year after the project was initiated. The Israeli envoy there apologized to Aloni for not being able to put a car and an assistant at his disposal; the legation was simply too short-staffed.

"I understand you, Mr. Minister," was all Aloni could say.

Later, in Munich, Aloni was taken by a consulate staff member to a musical.

His conscience nagged: Should he be enjoying a magnificent performance in this unholy city?

At a private party the question came up of how to treat Jews who chose to settle in Germany. Aloni's view was: They belong to us and we belong to them. But not everyone present agreed.

"That evening I saw the scum of the earth trotting on the streets of Munich," Aloni wrote in his diary.

He referred to young, healthy men, some from Israel, who dealt in the black market — dollars, diplomas, cigarettes. They claimed they had exhausted their strength in concentration camps and could not subsist on the rationed food available in Israel. Aloni was disgusted.

In Hungary, where he visited on another occasion, he was told to keep his mouth shut.

The third-class carriage in which he traveled from the Austrian border was filthy. The passengers were morose and never opened their mouths. All rooms at the hotel were bugged, he was warned: "Keep the radio blaring when you speak on the phone."

Arab students who had graduated from the Hebrew University were reportedly decoding the conversations recorded on secret tapes.

In Paris, Aloni had to wait a fortnight before he could start perusing the manuscripts he wanted to see at the Bibliothèque Nationale, but he was told not to grumble.

The administrative machinery of France was suffering from sclerosis; anything could be speeded up a bit with a little *pourboire* (a tip). Any task took an enormous amount of time.

The widow of a French Jew who reportedly had inherited an important archive refused to let the Israeli emissary inspect it. "The ghastly vixen!" Aloni fulminated.

IN A MOMENT of despair an unholy thought passed through Aloni's mind:

What if one simply pinched some manuscripts? Nobody would notice; people here can't read them anyhow.

But he checked himself: "I would never do that to an institution which had trusted me. Worse still, I cannot change my ways, it's not in my nature to touch a stranger's property."

On one of his journeys he was asked whether he traveled on Shabbat. He answered that his father was a rabbi, and that he did his best to stick to tradition. (He was shocked to observe an emissary of the State of Israel choosing the non-kosher cuisine on the ship.)

But if it was unavoidable in the quest for the treasures of Jewish heritage, Aloni would not hesitate to do so. Collecting old manuscripts was like gathering scraps of the nation's soul.

Aloni's diary provides few details about the nature of the manuscripts he retrieved.

He estimated that half of the relevant manuscripts have been made available, thanks to his efforts, for the perusal of Israel-based scholars.

Local dog makes good in world championship

HEADS 'N' TAILS
DYORA BEN SHAUL

LAST week, an Israeli-owned-and-bred Dog of Canaan, our national breed, left the show ring in Brussels with the title of world champion.

This was the first time that an Israeli-bred dog was singled out for such an award.

A world-championship contest is open only to dogs that are already champions in their own countries. They represent the most nearly perfect specimens of their breeds as detailed in breed standards accepted by all national clubs which are members of the European Federation of Kennel Clubs (EFC). One of those is the old-new breed, Dog of Canaan.

The cana'ni, as it is popularly known, has been in this region for thousands of years. They are depicted in Egyptian murals from the Beni Hasan tomb and appear in detail in rock art of the central Sinai from the first century CE.

A few were domesticated by Beduin to guard their camps, but most were pariahs. About 60 years ago, Prof. Rudolph Menzel, a former chief adviser on dogs for the Vienna police who immigrated here, noticed that while these dogs were pariahs, they seemed to be a specific breed.

Menzel started collecting these dogs and breeding. By the 1960s, she had created a breed standard and managed to get the Dog of Canaan recognized by FCI.

After Menzel's retirement in

1970, the Sha'ar Hagai Co-op Kennel near Jerusalem continued breeding and promoting the dogs. The kennel attracted a lot of attention at home and abroad by showing Cana'nis and exporting them to the U.S., Germany, Canada, England and South Africa.

Some even found royal quarters when Princess Antoinette of Monaco bought her cana'ni from Sha'ar Hagai.

The new world champion is called Lehitraot Misha'ar Hagai, whose lineage goes back to some of those early dogs bred by Menzel. He was shown by his breeder and trainer, Myrra Shibolet of the Sha'ar Hagai kennels.

He is a dog of light sand color with the beautiful dark eyeliner effect that gives this breed a sly-eyed look and so enhances their appearance.

Cana'nis are of the spitz type, which are considered nature's idea of what a dog should look like by some international experts. These medium-sized dogs — somewhat smaller than German shepherds — are good companions and superb watchdogs.

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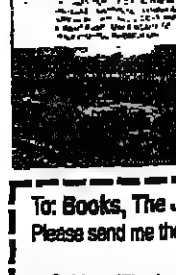
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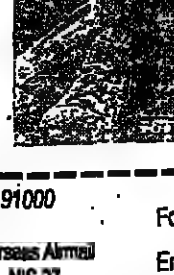
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The Straw that'll break the Yankees' back

Is Darryl Strawberry's acquisition a grandstand play to boost sagging attendance?

NEW YORK (AP) — George Steinbrenner always said his biggest mistake was giving up too soon on Reggie Jackson, the self-proclaimed "Straw that Stirs the Drink."

That was until now, until the day he decided to bring back the Straw himself to New York.

Because if there was anything that the Yankees, Darryl Strawberry and maybe even baseball itself did not need at this time, it was this.

Sure, the Yankees are hurting. With one of the worst records in the league, they were in desperate need of a proven starter — Kevin Tapani, perhaps — to help settle a rotation shaken by injuries.

Instead, they drop a loose \$1 million or so on someone who may create a crate full of problems, and may not solve a single one.

His power is suspect — he's totaled 14 home runs in three years — his fielding is weak and his attitude is questionable. Not exactly a neat fit for a team that is starting to score runs, playing solid outfield defense and appreciates manager Buck Showalter's keep-it-quiet approach.

Rather, at 33, he brings in a history of cocaine and alcohol trouble, of fights with teammates and feuds with managers, of failed chances, of lingering back problems, a boxscore of life that is far from a perfect game. The only thing he'll hit often, most likely, is being on the back page

of the tabloids.

"It's back to the Bronx Zoo," Yankees announcer Jim Kaat said.

Besides, where to play him?

If he becomes the designated hitter — and plenty of National League players have failed to make that adjustment — then Danny Tartabull is gone, for sure. If he plays the outfield, that may move leadoff man Luis Polonia to the bench and disrupt Paul O'Neill by forcing him to switch positions. Either way, he joins Don Mattingly, Wade Boggs and O'Neill in a lineup overloaded at the top with lefties.

The ballpark is no bonus, either. Strawberry's home runs usually go between right-center and left-center; he's not Roger Maris or Graig Nettles, a lefty who will loft fly balls into the short porch at Yankee Stadium.

Still, what is it that Steinbrenner wants most — Strawberry? Home runs? Or fans?

Attendance is down about 4,000 per game at Yankee Stadium this season; maybe it was time for an instant fix.

After all, Reggie always brought out the crowds. Cheer him or boo him, the chant of "Reggie! Reggie!" echoed throughout the park whenever he appeared.

Problem is, Strawberry is no Reggie. They may have worn the same No. 44 and hit home runs in their prime, but that's all. Darryl may draw a few fans if he gets off to an exciting start, as he's done

before, but he'll never pull 'em like Reggie.

Some will say that Strawberry deserves this new chance, just like his new teammate, Steve Howe. But really, does Strawberry need this right now?

He's only five months removed from failing a cocaine test, and just a few months away from tax problems that put him under house arrest in Palm Springs.

Maybe in Milwaukee or Montreal he might've been able to avoid the glare that has often burned him, but not in New York. Of course, time was running out for Strawberry ... and Steinbrenner.

Baseball certainly doesn't need this kind of publicity, not when the game is trying to improve its image of being a bunch of greedy, self-serving, conceited, overpaid, problem-filled players.

From the time the story first spread that Steinbrenner was interested in Strawberry, though, was there ever any doubt? The Boss was like that little kid on the back porch on a summer night, captivated by that firefly flickering in the distance. He captures it, all right, and kills it in the process.

Here's hoping that Steinbrenner, once he realizes he needs a starting pitcher, doesn't reach out and wrap his hands around another available free agent, one who knows a little something about Strawberry — that other faded New York bright light, Doc Gooden.



BACK FROM THE COAST — Darryl Strawberry spent time with the Dodgers and Giants between Gotham stints.

Thorpe retires hurt as Walsh rocks England

LONDON (Reuter) — West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh rocked England with a triple blow on the compelling third day of the second Test at Lord's yesterday.

Walsh fired out captain Mike Atherton (9) and fellow opener Alec Stewart (36), then Graham Thorpe was forced to retire hurt after being hit on the side of his helmet by a full toss from the Jamaican paceman.

Left-hander Thorpe received on-field treatment but was too groggy to continue batting and subsequently went to the hospital suffering from concussion.

He was being kept in overnight "purely as a precautionary measure," according to an England spokesman.

Thorpe was struck by his first delivery, perhaps failing to pick up the line and ducking into the ball. Walsh immediately apologized for the delivery and indicated it slipped from his hand.

England, 41 behind on first innings, were 155 for three — a lead of 114 — when bad light ended play 20 minutes before the scheduled close.

West Indies, with Keith Arthurton scoring an accomplished 75, had earlier extended their overnight 209 for six to 324 all out in reply to England's first innings of 283.

Left-hander Arthurton received effective support from the lower order as West Indies established what may prove a valuable lead on a dry, cracked pitch.

Though there seemed to be fewer problems with the variable bounce, runs still had to be earned by resolute batting on a day when the cloudless skies of Thursday and Friday had given way to cool, overcast conditions.

Arthurton, who resumed on 14, added 49 with Otis Gibson (29), then 26 with Ian Bishop, followed by stands of 33 and 19 with Curtly Ambrose and Walsh respectively.

Having batted for 224 minutes and struck 10 fours, Arthurton was last out to a magnificent boundary catch by Darren Gough as he hooked a short ball from pace bowler Andrew Fraser.

That gave Fraser final figures of 33-13-66-5, reward for immac-

ulate length and line bowling. It was the eighth time he had taken five wickets in a test innings, and the third against West Indies.

Atherton and Stewart quickly made inroads into their deficit by putting on 32 before Walsh troubled their second innings into trouble.

Atherton got a short ball from Walsh that was angled across him toward the leg side, brushing his glove and giving Junior Murray a catch behind.

Stewart's confident and positive innings was cut short by a similar delivery that also brushed his gloves and gave Murray his second catch.

Thorpe's departure left England tottering on 51 for two, but Graeme Hick responded on a defiant note, hooking and driving the quick bowlers and also punishing Carl Hooper's off-spin, which he twice pulled for four and straight drove for six.

Hick and Robin Smith had put on 99 for the third wicket when Bishop, who put a brake on the scoring, broke through.

England first innings	
A. Stewart c Atherton b Gibson	34
G. Hick c Lara b Bishop	19
C. Hooper c Lara b Ambrose	18
R. Smith b Hooper	10
M. Ramprakash c Campbell b Hooper	9
C. Atherton	75
O. Gibson c Campbell b Gibson	29
P. Martin b Walsh	10
R. Bishop not out	10
A. Fraser b Walsh	10
Extras (b-1 b-10 nb-4)	15
Total	283
Fall of wickets: 1-29 2-74 3-106 4-187 5-224 6-324	
bowling: Ambrose 29-6-72-0, Walsh 22-4-60-2, 20-2-81-2, Bishop 17-4-33-1, Hooper 14-3-35-2	

West Indies first innings	
C. Atherton c Stewart b Gough	75
C. Hooper c Martin	40
L. Lara b Fraser	36
J. Arthurton b Fraser	29
R. Richardson c Stewart b Fraser	18
K. Arthurton c Gough b Fraser	18
J. Murray b Walsh	10
G. Gibson b Fraser	10
I. Bishop c Cook	10
C. Ambrose c Ramprakash b Fraser	10
C. Walsh not out	10
Extras (b-4 b-11)	10
Total	324
Fall of wickets: 1-45 2-23 3-46 4-108 5-188 6-324	
bowling: Gough 27-2-44-2, Fraser 35-13-66-5, Cook 22-4-73-1, Martin 22-4-35-2, Bishop 17-4-33-1	

England second innings	
A. Atherton c Murray b Walsh	7
C. Hooper c Murray b Walsh	10
G. Hick b Bishop	10
C. Thorpe retired hurt	0
R. Smith not out	10
R. Richardson not out	10
Extras (b-4 b-11)	10
Total (for three wickets)	10
Fall of wickets: 1-22 2-45 3-100	
bowling: Ambrose 7-0-35-0, Walsh 10-1-39-2, Gibson 4-0-28-0, Bishop 8-4-20-1, Hooper 8-1-21-0	

Strawberry meets press as a Yankee

TAMPA (AP) — Darryl Strawberry prepared for the end of his 60-day suspension over the weekend by donning Yankee pinstripes, taking his first swings in the batting cage and accepting responsibility for his drug and alcohol problems.

"For a long time, I've been my own worst enemy," Strawberry said at a news conference. "I don't want to do that any longer."

The 33-year-old outfielder, who said he wants to put the past behind him and return to the majors, started on that road Thursday by reporting to the New York Yankees' minor league complex.

He will play for the Tampa

Yankees in the Single A Florida State League after his suspension, which ended yesterday.

He said that in trying to lead a more private life, he does not wish to speak with the media when he rejoins the big leagues, either before or after games.

Strawberry arrived under police escort at the complex, where he was met by Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. The two embraced and Steinbrenner told him, "I am with you, as long as you are with me."

"This is a gamble based on a guy's life," Steinbrenner said. "If he's smart enough, he'll see the opportunity and seize it."

To that end, Strawberry wast-

ed little time. After talking with reporters, Strawberry emerged wearing the Yankees pinstripes with a dark blue shirt emblazoned with No. 26.

Within one hour of his arrival in Tampa, Strawberry had done stretching exercises and took swings in the batting cages.

Strawberry agreed Monday to a one-year contract guaranteeing him \$850,000, but will start at \$10,000 per month until the Yankees call him up.

Though he is expected to join the club June 30 when New York starts a road trip in Milwaukee, Steinbrenner said he was making no guarantees about Strawberry's chances for a trip to New York.

Appier notches 11th win for KC, lowers ERA to 2.04

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Kevin Appier allowed only three hits in 7 1/3 innings as the Kansas City Royals shut out the Minnesota Twins 4-0 on Friday.

Appier (11-2) had two walks and two strikeouts while notching his fifth straight win. Appier's ERA dropped from 2.19 to 2.04 in his league-leading 13th start.

Gary Gaetti's two-run homer capped a four-run sixth inning against Kevin Tapani (4-7) as the Royals won for the 10th time in 13 games and sent the Twins to their 38th loss in their last 49 road games.

Yankees 6, Blue Jays 2
Jack McDowell outpitched an unusually well David Cone in a matchup of the AL's last two Cy Young Award winners, leading host New York past Toronto in a tight battle.

Paul O'Neill homered and had three RBIs and Randy Velarde had three hits for the Yankees. The

Blue Jays matched a season high with their fourth loss in a row.

McDowell (4-4), the 1993 Cy Young winner with Chicago, won his third straight start. He gave up seven hits, walked four and struck out four.

Cone (5-4), last year's Cy Young winner with Kansas City, dropped his first start since losing a no-hitter with one out in the ninth last Saturday against Texas.

Mike Mussina (6-5) rebounded from two straight miserable performances with 6 1/3 solid innings as host Baltimore beat error-prone Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Charles Johnson drove in six runs as visiting Florida set a club record for runs in handing Cincinnati their most lopsided loss in two seasons.

Johnson singled, doubled twice and hit one of three homers while matching the club record for RBIs in a game. Terry Pendleton and Andre Dawson also homered.

The Marlins batted around in the second and sixth innings against a pitching staff that has given up 45 runs in the last five games.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	35	18	.660	—
Atlanta	30	23	.568	5
Minnesota	27	27	.500	8.5
New York	20	34	.370	15.5
Florida	18	33	.353	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	33	20	.623	—
Houston	27	26	.510	6.5
Chicago	27	26	.509	6
St. Louis	23	31	.428	10.5
Pittsburgh	20	31	.392	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	29	22	.568	—
Los Angeles	26	26	.500	1
San Diego	27	27	.500	1.5
San Francisco	25	29	.461	1.5

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Pittsburgh 2, Montreal 0
Florida 16, Cincinnati 4
New York 9, Atlanta 3
St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 1
Houston 3, Chicago 1 (2)

San Diego 3, Colorado 2
Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 2

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:

Cincinnati 8, Atlanta 8
Colorado 3, San Diego 2
Chicago 13, Houston 2
Philadelphia 8, New York 2
Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 6

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:

Milwaukee 9, Toronto 0
Seattle 3, Chicago 2
Boston 4, Baltimore 1

Devils move within one game of championship series sweep

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — New Jersey, the NHL's record-setting road team this postseason, used a rare dominating home performance to defeat the Detroit Red Wings 5-2 Thursday night and move within one win of a championship series sweep.

The Devils and Red Wings played late last night in New Jersey, where the Devils are only 5-3 in the playoffs compared with 10-1 on the road.

If Detroit is to end its 40-year Stanley Cup drought, it must become only the second team to overcome a 3-0 deficit in the best-

of-7 finals.

Toronto beat Detroit in 1942 after dropping the first three games. The New York Islanders were the only other team in any round ever to stage such a comeback, defeating Pittsburgh in 1975.

Detroit had opened 3-0 leads in each of its three previous series.

Claude Lemieux scored his league-high 13th playoff goal. And led by rugged defenseman Scott Stevens, the tight-checking Devils again kept the NHL's top regular-season team from mounting any sustained pressure on goalie Martin Brodeur.

"The guys were really alive on the ice," said Devils coach Jacques Lemaire. "They were aggressive, we were in control. I have to give my guys credit be-

cause they were in their faces all the time."

And when the Red Wings did get through, there was Brodeur, rock solid in the New Jersey goal,

turning aside 22-of-24 shots.

The two goals he did let up — to Sergei Fedorov and Steve Yzerman — came in the final three minutes after the Devils were already ahead 5-0.

Bruce Driver, Neal Broten, Randy McKay and Bobby Holik also scored for New Jersey, which outshot Detroit for the third consecutive game.

The Devils' 31-24 edge gave them an 82-59 series advantage against a Detroit team that averaged 36 shots this season.

The Red Wings were outshot only once in the first three rounds.

The champion Nashville Devils?

SECAUCUS, New Jersey (AP) — The New Jersey Devils might finish off the Detroit Red Wings for the North American National Hockey League title and then pack up their sticks and move to Nashville with the Stanley Cup, league commissioner Gary Bettman acknowledged.

Devils owner John McMillen is unhappy with the terms of his lease at Brendan Byrne Arena in East Rutherford, New Jersey. And reportedly he has an offer from the city of Nashville, which wants a team for a new facility there.

Al Davis signs agreement with Oakland Coliseum

OAKLAND (Reuter) — The Los Angeles Raiders were poised to return to Oakland after a 13-year absence after Raiders' owner Al Davis and Oakland Coliseum officials signed an agreement Friday to relocate the National Football League team.

"There's nothing you can say that would truly capture the emotion and spirit of this day," Oakland Mayor Elith Harris said.

If the move goes ahead, the Raiders would become the first professional sports team to move and then return to its original city.

It would also leave Los Angeles, the nation's second biggest city, without an NFL team after the Los Angeles Rams announced recently they were moving to St. Louis.

The letter of intent must still be approved by the Oakland City Council and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The agreement will also be scrutinized by the NFL.

The NFL announced Friday

that a league meeting would be held the week of July 10 to evaluate all aspects of the situation.

The Oakland Coliseum's board of directors voted unanimously at a special meeting to approve a letter of intent that was the result of months of negotiations to bring the Raiders back to Oakland.

Under the agreement, the Raiders commit to playing at the Oakland Coliseum for 16 years beginning with the 1995 season and officials pledged a major remodeling of the stadium "designed to make it the finest football venue in California."

The agreement calls for \$85 million in improvements to the Oakland Coliseum, where the Oakland Athletics baseball team also plays. Seating will be increased to 65,000.

It calls for Oakland and Alameda County to lend the Raiders \$31.9m. for relocation and operating expenses and up to an additional \$10m. to build team training facilities.

NBA players postpone vote on new contract

CHICAGO (Reuter) — National Basketball Association player representatives Friday night postponed indefinitely a vote to ratify a new six-year collective bargaining agreement, despite the union's recommendation.

Player representatives met with Players Association executive director Simon Gourdine in Chicago after the NBA Board of Governors approved the agreement 28-0 with one club abstaining.

There was no word on when the players would vote or meet again.

"They had concerns about the proposal, particularly in the area of the luxury tax," Gourdine said. "We intend to listen to their concerns and see whether we can re-formulate something that would make sense for everyone."

The luxury tax would penalize a team which exceeded its salary cap to sign free agents.

The tax, which is set at 50 percent of the amount over the salary cap prior to the 1996-97 season and 100 percent over the cap thereafter, would be paid to the league and re-distributed to lower reve-

lue teams outside major markets that are under the cap.

Ratification of the agreement has also apparently been threatened by the action of several prominent players, who have taken action to decertify the union.

The petition to decertify, filed with the National Labour Relations Board, must be approved by a majority of the players.

Twenty-one of 27 player representatives met today to discuss the deal for ratification.

Seventeen players — headlined by Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Patrick Ewing — filed a petition with the NLRB for union decertification Wednesday through agent Marc Fleisher.

The 17 players were said to be upset that Gourdine, who took office after Charles Grunham abruptly resigned April 14, had not kept them informed on the state of negotiations.

Under the new proposed system, the salary cap would immediately increase from \$15.9 million to \$23m. for the 1995-96 season, and is guaranteed to rise by at least \$1m. per year.

The deal also would eliminate

Daly turns down offer to coach NY

NEW YORK (Reuter) — Chuck Daly has turned down an offer to become coach of the New York Knicks.

The 64-year-old Daly, who quit as coach of the New Jersey Nets after the 1993-94 season, told the Knicks he was intrigued by their offer but felt he was not keen to return to the rigors of NBA coaching.

Under the new agreement, drafted players would enter the league under a guaranteed three-year contract with certain minimum and maximum salary limits, all paid outside of the veteran salary cap, and would be unrestricted free agents at the end of their third year.

The players would also receive more of the gross revenues and a much larger percentage of lucrative licensing fees.

Come and play CRICKET at the event

John Colson

S. Africa beats New Zealand in extra time

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - South Africa's impossible dream was transformed into reality by fly-half Joel Stransky yesterday as they beat New Zealand 15-12 after extra-time in the Rugby World Cup final at Ellis Park.

Amid extraordinary scenes, it was Stransky's second drop-goal in the 93rd minute of the match which settled the issue after the sides had finished level at 9-9 after 80 minutes.

The 27-year-old fly-half contributed all South Africa's points, leaving his All Black counterpart Andrew Mehrtens to rue a fatal missed drop-goal from in front of the posts two minutes from the end of normal time.

It was the first time in World Cup history any game had gone to extra-time, and even without a try the match will never be forgotten by any South African.

The first 80 minutes were just as tense, both sides clearly affected by the magnitude of an occasion being beamed live on television to 130 countries worldwide.

South Africa had led 9-6 at half-time, two penalties and a drop-goal from Stransky canceling out two successful penalties from Mehrtens.

But although the 22-year-old All Black drew his side level in the 55th minute with a drop-goal of his own, four other missed efforts will haunt him for years.

South Africa's absence from the first two World Cups, held during the apartheid era, made the Springbok triumph even sweeter for the vast majority of the 62,000 crowd.

Many could scarcely contain their emotion as captain Francois Pienaar received the Webb Ellis trophy from President Nelson Mandela, also dressed in a Springbok number six jersey, a moment unthinkable even three years ago.

There was also immeasurable relief that the scores had not remained level at the end of extra-time, a scenario which would have meant New Zealand winning because they had fewer men sent off during the tournament.

The mere possibility summed up an afternoon of extraordinary tension, visible on both sides right from the first whistle.

Mehrtens' kick-off, so significant in the semifinal against England, failed to travel the 10 meters and the All Blacks' early attempts to run also made little headway.

They still took the lead after five minutes when Mehrtens punished the Springbok forwards for going over the top, but Stransky's first successful kick quickly put the home side back on terms.

Even the giant Jonah Lomu was finding the tarified atmosphere of a World Cup final a daunting experience. If the Springbok tackling was not completely watertight, it was good enough to keep the 118 kilogram winger in some sort of check and forced the All Blacks to look elsewhere for inspiration.

For a moment it looked as though it would come from Mehrtens, whose remarkable 75-meter drop-out set up his side close to the Springbok line, but his subsequent penalty was to be the last All Black score for over 40 minutes.

The South African pack, with the back-row of Mark Andrews, Pienaar and Ruben Kruger to the fore, won some useful ball and the neat Stransky kept his side rolling forwards with some pinpoint line-kicking.

He also slotted a second penalty and a drop-goal to give his side a deserved half-time lead, putting the onus on the New Zealanders to demonstrate the ability which had dazzled all their previous opponents in the tournament.

Again they were unable to find more than a Mehrtens drop-goal after 55 minutes and the deadlock persisted until the end of normal time.

Mehrtens put his side ahead once more with a long-range penalty in the 82nd minute, but the immaculate Stransky, who kicked Australia to defeat in the opening match a month ago, still had time to ensure a pot of gold for Mandela's new rainbow nation.

Israel trounces defending champs

Win over Germany in European Nat'l Championships lifts record to 2-1

CHARLES HARRIS and news agencies

ISRAEL improved its chances for advancing to the quarterfinals of the 29th European National Championships, trouncing Germany 78-60 in Athens yesterday.

Behind the inspired play of point guard Doron Sheffer, Israel jumped out to an early lead and improved its record in the tournament to 2-1.

Although Doron Jamchee was the high scorer with 20 points, Sheffer directed the offense from the opening tip-off.

Germany did not have a weapon to counter him, and Israel breezed to a 40-20 advantage at the intermission.

Israel, however, may have been counting on the victory a bit too soon, as Germany took advantage of several errors by Zvi Sherf's squad to climb back into the game from a 49-27 deficit.

German guard Michael Koch began the rally with a lay-up and then, with Sheffer on the bench with his third foul, Koch accounted for seven of his team's next 15 points to cut the advantage to 60-49.

But Israel maintained its poise, thanks in part to Sheffer's leadership, and Germany could not close the gap any further.

Koch finished with a team-high 20 points.

Sheffer had nine assists, five rebounds and two steals for the game.

Israel, which shot 50 percent from the field, also had surprising success on the boards, posting a 35-25 rebounding advantage.

Next up is Greece tomorrow.

In other action, guard Sergei Bazarevich scored 35 points to help Russia avoid another defeat by a former Yugoslav republic and led his team to a 92-82 victory over winless Slovenia.

Greece evened its Group A record at 2-2 by trouncing Sweden 86-68 using many second-string players.

The host team, which won the title at home in 1987, stormed to 21-4 and 34-14 leads and ran away with the game as 15,000 fans at the Marousi Olympic hall cheered wildly.

In an earlier game, Yugoslavia, now consisting of players from



LEAVE IT TO ME - Germany's Michael Koch attempts to steal the ball from Brad Leaf during Israel's victory yesterday. (AP)

Serbia and Montenegro, went on a 12-0 run early in the game and cruised to its third straight victory by beating Italy 87-74.

Vlade Divac, the Los Angeles Lakers center, had nine points in the first 4:26 minutes and played a major role in the run that gave Yugoslavia a 20-7 lead with six minutes gone.

The victory made Yugoslavia's record perfect at 3-0 in Group A and the team that is making its return after being banished internationally for 2½ years because of UN sanctions is virtually certain to reach the quarterfinals.

Russia, beaten by Croatia 100-

94 in overtime, trailed halfway into the second half but rallied to improve its record to 3-1 and virtually clinch a place in the quarterfinals.

Slovenia fell to 0-3 in Group B and is all but eliminated from the medal round.

Croatia, like Russia tired after the late-night game, struggled to a 80-70 victory over Spain in Group B and took its record to 3-0 for a virtually sure place in the quarterfinals.

Toni Kukoc of the Chicago Bulls broke open a close game with 3-pointers for a 76-68 Croatian lead with 2:24 left. Kukoc

finished with 20 points and six assists, while guard Arijan Komazec paced Croatia for the third game in a row with 25 points.

Spain, which fell to 2-2, got 19 points from forward Alberto Herreros.

France also seems sure of advancing following a 90-76 victory over Turkey, which dropped to 1-2.

The French trailed 49-47 at halftime, but jumped ahead in the second half. Forward Antoine Rigaudeau had 23 points for France.

The top four finishers from each of the two seven-team groups will advance to the quarterfinals. The teams that advance to the semifinals will gain automatic berths at next summer's Olympic games in Atlanta.

Teoman Alibegovic, who paced Slovenia with 25 points, scored on a hook shot for a 74-71 lead with just over seven minutes left. But the forward fouled out shortly after that and Russia took advantage of his absence.

It was never more than a four-point game until Russian forward Andrei Fetisov's 3-pointer made it 87-80 with 2:50 left. Bazarevich, who had a brief stint with the Atlanta Hawks in the NBA last season and now plays in Spain, then made three of four free throws to secure Russia's victory.

Guard Aleksandar Djordjevic led Yugoslavia with 22 points and five assists.

Guard Predrag Danilovic, the future Miami Heat player, scored 18 and Divac got 11.

Italy played without forward Walter Magnifico, who has a swollen knee but is expected to recover for Italy's next game against Lithuania on Monday.

Italy dropped to 2-2 after also losing to Greece 67-61 Friday evening.

Gregor Fucka, the 2.13-meter center who was born in the former Yugoslav republic of Slovenia and later became an Italian citizen, led Italy with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

In the key game on Friday, guard Arijan Komazec scored 11 of his game-high 30 points in overtime to give Croatia a 100-94 victory over Russia.

Croatia, beaten twice in the

past by Russia at major events, needed overtime and a stellar performance from Komazec.

Komazec, possibly going to the Phoenix Suns, stole the show from Croatia's two NBA stars, Toni Kukoc and Dino Radja.

Kukoc had 17 points and Radja 18.

Croatia, the 1992 Olympic silver medalist, blew a 15-point lead and a dunk by Andrei Fetisov off a Croatian turnover put Russia ahead for the first time, 78-76, with 1:32 left.

Kukoc, fouled by Sergei Bazarevich at a 3-point attempt, converted all three free throws with 28 seconds left for a 81-79 Croatian lead.

Vasili Karasev's jumper beat the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Komazec then took over, hitting a key 3-pointer to open an 87-83 lead, and then followed with a layup that put the game away.

Russia upset Croatia at the last European and world championships, which Russia finished both as runner-up.

In another big matchup, Yugoslavia also got help from a guard, Aleksandar Djordjevic, to earn a victory over Lithuania.

European National Championships

Group A

	W	L	Pts.
1. Yugoslavia	3	0	6
2. Italy	2	2	4
3. Greece	2	2	4
4. Lithuania	2	2	4
5. Israel	1	3	2
6. Slovenia	0	3	0
7. Sweden	0	3	0

Group B

	W	L	Pts.
1. Russia	3	0	6
2. France	2	1	4
3. Croatia	2	1	4
4. Spain	2	1	4
5. Turkey	1	2	2
6. Bulgaria	1	2	2
7. Finland	0	3	0

YESTERDAY'S GROUP A RESULTS

Yugoslavia 87, Italy 74

Israel 78, Germany 60

Greece 86, Sweden 68

YESTERDAY'S GROUP B RESULTS

France 90, Turkey 76

Croatia 90, Spain 78

Russia 92, Slovenia 82

FRIDAY'S GROUP A RESULTS

Greece 67, Italy 61

Germany 81, Sweden 71

Yugoslavia 76, Lithuania 61

FRIDAY'S GROUP B RESULTS

Turkey 81, Finland 79

France 86, Spain 75

Croatia 100, Russia 94 (OT)

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

rest day

Rugby deal with Murdoch signed for southern hemisphere

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Rugby union took a Jonah Lomu-sized step toward professionalism on Friday when three southern hemisphere countries announced a 10-year broadcast deal worth \$550 million with Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation.

South Africa, New Zealand and Australia have agreed to play an annual home and away test series starting next year, and there will also be a new provincial competition comprising 12 teams from the three countries.

The deal also gives exclusive worldwide rights to News Corporation for all tours to the three countries, including those by the British Isles, dramatically increasing the

flow of money into a sport whose players are still technically not paid to play it.

In a statement, Murdoch said the deal provided "three of the best rugby nations in the world a platform to plan for the future and gives News Corporation the opportunity to play in a rapidly developing international sport."

In April, Murdoch announced sweeping plans to reshape rugby league worldwide, including the formation of a Super League, but insisted his latest intervention was "good for all parties involved."

"For the benefit of those who will seek to misconstrue this deal, News Corp. is not going to run rugby union. We have purchased broadcast rights and the game will

continue to be run by the unions."

South African Rugby Football Union president Louis Luyt said the final amounts of money each union would receive had yet to be finalized, and was elusive on the subject of how much money the players would earn out of the arrangement.

"We would like the northern hemisphere countries to join us and hopefully they will," he said. Asked why the three countries had taken the precipitous step, he replied: "There were 500 million reasons to do it."

The issue of professionalism in rugby union is due to be debated at a special meeting of the International Rugby Foot-

ball Board (IRB) in Paris in August, but Leo Williams, chairman of the Australian Rugby Football Union (ARFU) denied the deal had backed the IRB into an impossible corner.

The new "Tri-Nation series" will comprise six tests, with the provincial competition adding an extra 69 matches to an already congested fixture calendar. It will be played over 13 weeks on a round-robin basis, similar to the now-defunct Super 10.

The difference is that the 12 teams will comprise five New Zealand provincial sides, four from South Africa, three from Australia and none from the Pacific islands, although Luyt said they might be accommodated in the future.

Russian pole vaulter wins tourney in TA with 5.70-m. leap

HEATHER CHAIT

RUSSIA'S Constantin Semionov won the pole-vault competition with a leap of 5.70 meters at the 59th Israeli Athletics Championships held last night in Tel Aviv.

Dany Kraznov disappointed by retiring from the competition after clearing 3.30 meters, taking third place.

In other events Dina Suliman, female athlete of the year, won the 1,500 meters in 4:55.03.

The men's 100 meter was won by Yosef Gizachao in 3:50.64.

The men's 100 meter went again to last year's winner, Regilio Van Der Vliet from Holland with a time of 10.61 seconds.

First Israeli across the line was Gidi Golan, with 10.766 seconds.

Gala Maretsky took the 100-meters women's race in 12.29 seconds.

The women's 100-meter hurdles went to Nili Ayalon in 16.13 seconds.

The men's 110 meters hurdles was won by Cypriot Perros Katsantonis in 14.23 seconds.

Israel's champion Ofer Shmueli finished the competition in second place with a time of 14.66 seconds.

Christie wins 100 in late start at European Cup

VILLENEUVE D'ASCQ, France (AP) - World and Olympic champion Linford Christie won the 100 and helped his British team to a relay win after being a questionable starter yesterday at the European Cup track competition.

Germany, which won both team titles last year, was ahead in the men's standing with 62, while

Russia was on top in the women's division with 63 points.

Britain was second in each with the final day today.

Christie sent word to the team's hotel late Friday night that he would run and arrived by train yesterday morning.

He had been a questionable starter throughout the week after the death of his mother, whose

funeral was Thursday.

Christie refused to answer questions about himself or his recent decision to retire following this season and not defend his title at the 1996 Olympics.

He preferred to talk about the team.

"It's a young team. A lot of have done personal bests today and it's encouraging," Christie

said.

Competing with a sore throat, he still moved easily away from the field to win in 10.05 seconds, assisted by a legal wind of 2.0 meters per second. The time is the second-best 100 time of the year and reassures Christie who had been off-form in the early season, losing four of his first five races.

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Shira Zeitlin's father also found dead in their Ramat Gan apartment

DETECTIVES are still puzzled by the deaths of 16-year-old Shira Zeitlin, found with a plastic handcuff around her neck on Tuesday, and her father, Menahem, found dead Friday in the bathroom overhead storage cupboard at the family's Ramat Gan apartment.

The father, who was found by one of his sons, had been missing since Tuesday.

Police said he died from a single gunshot wound through the roof of his mouth, apparently fired from his own pistol, which was found with his body. He also had a plastic cuff around his neck.

A pathologist determined that he died at around the same time as his daughter. There were no signs he had been put into the cupboard by a third party.

Pending the results of both autopsies, the police have three scenarios: a double suicide; a murder-suicide; and a double murder.

Police had been searching for Zeitlin, a 60-year-old Dan cooperative pensioner, since his daughter's body was found by one of her brothers Tuesday at his home.

RAINE MARCUS

There were no signs of a struggle on Shira's body. Detectives appealed to the public for help and distributed his photograph in the media. His car was still parked outside the Rehov Krinitzi flat St. and his licensed pistol was missing.

Late Friday, one of Zeitlin's sons, a 21-year-old soldier, decided to search the bathroom storage cupboard. Police had not made a thorough search of the apartment after removing Shira's body.

"We didn't think there would be a body in the bathroom cupboard," said Dan police chief Dep. Cmdr. Eli Azaiz. "There are still no clear signs that foul play was involved. Our immediate theory is a double suicide pact, but of course we are not ruling out other theories. We will be wiser when the autopsies are completed."

Another officer said police would have "gone through the apartment with a fine-tooth comb" if they had reason to believe foul play was involved.

Menahem Zeitlin was found lying on his back, a plastic handcuff around his neck and

gunshot wounds in his head. There was also another cuff which secured the cupboard door. The gun was found beside him.

A letter, apparently written by him, and reading that he was "fed up of living" was found in his pocket.

The letter also described the complicated and bitter relations between family members.

Menahem Zeitlin was divorced from his wife, but the couple still lived in the same apartment, and the family was divided into two camps - Menahem and Shira against his wife and their four sons.

Shira, he wrote in his letter, was the "dearest thing to him." But his wife, he wrote, was trying to turn his children against him.

Police are still checking whether the letter was in fact written by him.

When Shira's body was found last week, family members accused Zeitlin of murdering her.

With the discovery of the second body Friday, family members were taken to the police station for questioning, where they remained until 3 a.m. They refused to talk to reporters.



Police and border policemen on Friday stand over the body of Esther Assias, after it was found in a reservoir near Kfar Hanassi. She disappeared Tuesday on a school outing. (Avihai Shapira/Israel Sun)

Body of missing girl pulled out of reservoir

DAVID RUDGE and BATSEVA TSUR

DIVERS on Friday discovered the body of missing Karmiel schoolgirl Esther Assias in the Jordan River reservoir of Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi, south of the Bnot Ya'acov Bridge. It was not clear how long the body of the eight year old had been in the water, or what happened to

her after she disappeared last Tuesday afternoon.

The body was sent to the Abu Kabir Institute for Forensic Medicine and an autopsy was performed on Friday morning, the Karmiel Municipality spokesman said. The experts expect to know by this mon-

ing whether Esther drowned at the site of the class trip and was washed down river, or whether she first ran away in fear.

The Education Ministry is to hold an inquiry into the circumstances of the tragedy.

The body was identified by Assias's parents after it was pulled from the reservoir by divers, who had spotted it half submerged in the water.

Hundreds of police and volunteers, who were aided by a helicopter, took part in the massive search last week for Assias, who disappeared while on a class outing from the Moriah religious school in Karmiel.

She had last been seen alive around 3 p.m. Tuesday while a group of children were paddling in a natural pool near the bridge.

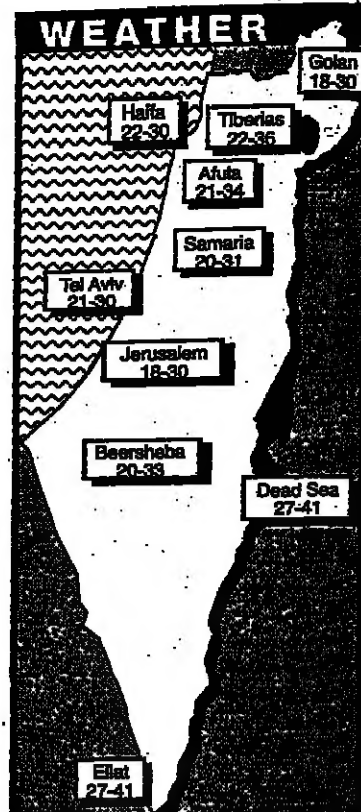
At the time, she had been seen arguing with another girl, who slipped and fell into the water. The other girl was pulled out by a teacher and accompanying guards, who then discovered that Assias was missing.

Northern Region Police Commander Amos Azani, who supervised the search, told reporters it is still unclear how Assias drowned.

"We only know the final result and where it started, from the point where she disappeared. From our point of view, she disappeared while on land. The circumstances of how she got into the water are unclear, as well as how long she was in the water," said Azani.

Hundreds from the Ethiopian community are expected at her funeral at the Karmiel Cemetery at 2:30 this afternoon.

Meanwhile, Deputy Education Minister Micha Goldman has ordered an investigation into whether the class trip was organized according to ministry to see whether they need updating. He has also asked for a review of these regulations to determine whether they need updating.



Forecast: No change in temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

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New Zealand	10	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20

Winning cards

In Friday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the seven of spades, seven of hearts, 10 of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

Ya'alon replaces Saguy as intelligence chief

ALON PINKAS

IN a ceremony Friday at the Intelligence Corps' memorial in Gilot, Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy bid farewell to the officers and soldiers he commanded for the past four years and introduced his successor, Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon.

The ceremony followed the official promotion of Ya'alon to major-general by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

In his farewell address, after 33 years of service, Saguy said: "You are worthy of the strength and capability needed to know the unknown, unearth that which is concealed, understand what is visible and open, investigate the obscure, and disentangle what is entangled."

"The State of Israel is worthy of an Intelligence Corps that is versatile in its capabilities, tolerant, open and inquisitive, flexible and tough at the same time, that avoids complacency and is humble."

"The chief of intelligence has no rights, but the burden of duties is immense, the responsibility tremendous, and his isolation splendid," Saguy said.

Teen friend of murdered youth confesses to killing

RAINE MARCUS

THE 17-year-old youth arrested Thursday, who was a friend of murdered 16-year-old Amit Molcho of Rehovot, has confessed to the killing and reenacted it, police said yesterday.

Police said the suspect was a member of a satanic cult known to sacrifice live animals. Inside the abandoned building where he lived, police found various cult symbols scrawled on the walls and a list of members' names.

Molcho's body was found last week in an advanced state of decay in an orange grove just 300 meters from his home. He had disappeared from home some 10 days earlier and was last seen with the suspect.

Molcho had been stabbed all over his body the night of his disappearance, police said.

During questioning the youth, who had run away from home and dropped out of school, said he had an argument with Molcho and had killed him. On Friday the youth was remanded by Rehovot Magistrate's Court for 10 days.

People on marriage blacklist will be invited to hear why

AMIR ROZENBLIT

THE thousands of people who are on the marriage blacklist will be invited to hear why and be given the opportunity to respond, Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet said Friday.

He said the process would be handled in the same way some 300,000 people were once "discreetly notified" they were listed in police files and invited to examine the records.

Shetreet, speaking before a meeting of the Industry and Trade Ministry's economic and social club, said the list of people who cannot marry for halachic reasons had already been reduced from 5,000 to 3,750.

He said the notifications would be sent out only after the ministry had finished examining the blacklist.

"There will no longer be a situation in which a bride to be is notified only six months before her wedding that she may not marry. Whoever is on the list will be invited and discreetly notified," Shetreet said.

In the future, Shetreet added, no name will be added without a decision before a rabbinical court.

In the event that a person's halachic standing is in question, he or she will be invited to a rabbinical court hearing where they may defend themselves as in any other trial.

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